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PSL SPLIT-UP: YES OR NO?

Democratic —Weinstein

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Australian Soccer Federation vice-president Michael Weinstein warns that Philips Industries' rich sponsorship of the PSL may not last much longer, and that most clubs then would be forced to cut costs.

One way to cut costs is to regionalise the league. He has been in favour of regionalisation since the PSL was only an idea.

If Philips Industries decides not to continue its sponsorship, it will be up to the ASF to rule on whether or not regionalisation goes ahead, and so Michael Weinstein's views will carry a lot of weight.

He warns that traditionally, corporations sponsor individual sports for only a short time, so that their image does not become identified with one market sector at the cost of other sectors.

And he says that if Philips pulls out, it will be extremely difficult to find a new sponsor as the league has been associated with Philips since 1977.

"It's worth noting that the North American Soccer League turned down sponsorship offers because it would have harmed sponsorship deals by individual clubs," Weinstein says.

"In my opinion, leagues should not be sponsored. Clubs yes, league no."

Weinstein believes that the Philips League's major problem is that it does not have the support of the soccer masses involved in the game at all levels — the junior clubs and players, the amateur and Metropolitan League clubs etc.

"We live in a federal system, like it or not," he says. "It is very difficult to establish a soccer body that is separate from the State set-up."

"Soccer support in this country is represented by the people actually involved in the game at all levels. These are the people who should be coming to watch the games in the top league."

"But when you form a league separate to that vast body of involvement, you run the risk of cutting your own throat."

"At the moment, most people who support particular State League clubs won't go to Philips League games because they do not identify with the Philips League. They do not feel part of it at all, because it is outside the State structure and outside the relegation-promotion set-up."

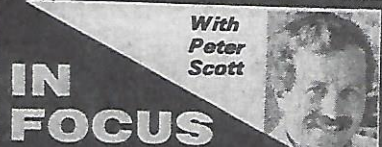
At the time a national competition was mooted, Weinstein favored a round-robin competition between the top four from Victoria, top four from NSW, top two from South Australia and the champions of Queensland and Newcastle.

In his blueprint, they were to be split up into two groups, leading up to a final between the two winners. Now he sees the possibilities for regionalisation.

The first involves taking the PSL clubs back into their respective State League competitions. They would play State League games and also would be released to meet their obligations in their national league region.

The other is much more sensible and much more workable. It is that there should be a 12-team southern league and a 12-team northern league.

In the case of the southern league, it would include eight teams from Victoria, three from South Australia and one from Queensland.



With Peter Scott

IN FOCUS

U.S. shows the way

The PSL is soccer's gift to the Australian airline industry.

This much can safely be said when one considers the huge — and ever increasing — travel accounts the clubs are running up with the fly-boys, as they flit from city to city for the greater part of the year.

Travel costs are a millstone around the clubs' necks and, with fare rises occurring almost every time one looks at a newspaper or switches on the TV, it really was just a matter of time before the search began for a different (cheaper!) formula for national competition.

Let me state at the outset that by far the most ideal form of competition is the present home-and-away system of play.

There are no ifs or buts about that! But — there I go contradicting myself — can we carry this huge burden forever?

Can we persist where nations with much greater soccer resources — such as a number of the Latin American giants — cannot?

The question must be answered, and answered soon.

We may not always have a Philips sugar daddy to fall back on, and even if we do, is this the best and most advantageous way to send the largesse?

In my last article I promised to cast modesty aside and offer the occasional suggestion in areas where solutions may be needed.

This is one of those areas.

If the PSL is to become regionalised the method of competition adopted by all professional team sports in North America (football, baseball, basketball, ice hockey and soccer), not to mention the zillions of semi-pro and amateur leagues in the multitude of sports, bears some thorough examination.

Put simply, the PSL could be split into two divisions.

On the current 16 team composition, this would mean eight clubs each. They could play a full home-and-away series.

Where the "American touch" comes in is that all teams would also play a match against the eight clubs in the other division — either home or away, determined by the luck of the draw and scheduling.

We won't change, says Paul Kemp

Regionalisation just isn't on and the PSL will maintain its present format with or without Philips Industries' sponsorship.

This is the belief of PSL secretary Paul Kemp.

But Kemp is optimistic that the Philips sponsorship which is being renegotiated right now, will continue.

"Even if Philips pulls out, the feeling I get from the 16 PSL clubs is that they will maintain their membership," said Kemp.

"It costs about \$300,000 to run a PSL club over a season. Air fares stick about \$25,000 on top of that and it's not a great percentage of the overall running costs."

"I don't feel that the current member clubs want to regionalise but of course that's a matter for the ASF executive to decide."

I asked Kemp about the relegation issue. West Adelaide finished second last in 1980 but its PSL status remained intact.



By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Kemp defended the ASF's policy of maintaining the national flavor of the league. He pointed to the New Zealand experience to vindicate his view.

"The NZ national league turned promotion and relegation into a national thing. What I mean is that it didn't matter whether a side from the south was relegated or a side from the north dropped out. They were replaced by the best possible candidate, not a candidate from the area from which the relegated club came."

"Subsequently you ended up with most of the clubs coming from Auckland and crowds dropped."

"I understand that the NZ national league will change next year to a system similar to ours where a relegated club is replaced by a club from the same area or region."

The ASF's policy saved

West Adelaide's status last year because no alternative South Australian club seemed a worthy candidate for PSL membership.

West is anchored to the bottom of the PSL right now but it may not be saved two years running.

"If a club finishes in the relegation zone, is reinstated, then again finishes in the last two spots in the league, it usually isn't readmitted a second time but again that's a matter for the ASF executive which must decide policy in this area," he said.

Kemp took over as PSL secretary in May last year. He sees himself as a straight shooter, a no-bullshit, down-to-earth bloke. Journalists in Sydney have pounced upon him regularly. It's like that if you are outspoken, controversial, a journalist's dream.

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'Coaching' or 'freedom?'

The resurgence of Newcastle under Ray Baartz who professes not to be able to coach and Heidelberg under Len McKendry, the epitome of a qualified coach, tells an interesting story about the art of coaching.

Indeed, the situations at Newcastle and Heidelberg are in stark contrast.

Alan Vest, who made way for Baartz, is, like McKendry out of the English coaching stable, whereas Manny Poulakakis who took over from McKendry at Heidelberg and subsequently left, relies more on his experience than on structured coaching knowledge.

So now we see a Newcastle "freed" by Baartz of the coaching restrictions imposed by Vest, yet Heidelberg reverting to the coaching patterns employed by McKendry.

I had learned about waves emanating from Newcastle by some players feeling stifled by the coaching methods of Alan Vest.

On the other hand the player support for Vest at the time of his leaving indicated that many players still believed in his coaching methods.

I never gave Manny Poulakakis a chance at Heidelberg. The players were too steeped in the coaching patterns adopted by McKendry over a period of three years at club level and in the Victorian State team.

Poulakakis did not have the coaching background to continue these patterns of play. Not only could he not coach them that way, it is doubtful if he believed fully in them.

The gradual dilution of the methodical Heidelberg style eventually led to disintegration which an inexperienced Jim Rooney was not able to pull back together again, leading to the inevitable return of the original architect of the team's style Len McKendry.



Mike Johnson

Improve a players natural ability.

It may allow him to play to the best of his current ability, but he will not grow as quickly or as substantially as by Frank Stapleton did under systematic coaching from Don Howe at Arsenal.

Stapleton's transition from a sound central striker to a world class player is attributable to the work he and Howe put in together.

McKendry had a similar impact on the performance of Jamie Paton and John Yeadon.

He also modified and polished Gary Cole's game, though in his case I also believe he diminished one of Cole's major assets, his mobility.

On the other hand the benefits of Docherty's non-coaching approach at Sydney Olympic are there for all to see.

Unfettered by coaching advice or coaching modifications the Olympic players are "freed" to play their own game, to "enjoy" themselves and "express" themselves.

"Freedom".... "enjoyment".... "self expression", these are some of the comments now also coming out of the Newcastle camp.

On the other hand we heard them just as often emanating from the Preston Makedonia club earlier in the season when their early success was being put down to a free-wheeling, all-out attacking style, unencumbered by coaching jargon or the restrictions that sometimes go with it.

World soccer is currently divided into the non-coaches and the coaches.

Brighton's Alan Mullery, and Liverpool's Bob Paisley (and before him Bill Shankly) are two of the anti-coaching brigade in England, while ex Man Utd's Dave Sexton and Bobby Robson of Ipswich

would be two in the opposite camp.

Obviously success can come from both approaches to coaching. A weakness of the non-coaching coach is that he is totally dependent to the players at his disposal to get a result.

I do believe the trained coach working with players to basic coaching principles, strategies and tactics can get a result with inferior players.

These coaching patterns also tend to produce more consistent play even allowing that non-coached Liverpool are the exception to that rule.

However consistent team play has become synonymous with dullness, even dullness at times.

Certainly the consistent Arsenal "prince of coaching" Don Howe (supervised by Irish manager, Terry Neil) are not renowned for their flair.

The well coached team is usually "well organised" It is often "very competitive" if a British coach is in charge.

Both of these qualities were granted to Alan Vest's Newcastle when they were winning games.

On the other hand it was also charged with being "dull, and uninspiring" when it was not winning games.

Victoria can lead the way

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But if such regionalisation were to go ahead, there would be no need for a central PSL administration, Weinstein says. Instead, the regions could be administered from the Victorian and NSW Federation headquarters, which would be cheaper.

He acknowledges there would be many problems to be overcome. "What it needs, is a thorough study. A group of level headed people should write a comprehensive paper on all the ramifications, and this should not be done without State involvement."

"Let's not be afraid to make changes, but with an open mind, not in a parochial way."

"Victoria, as the only really stable State Federation, could help solve the problem if we and our PSL clubs got together to talk about all aspects and help each other."

"We could work out a proposition and put it to the ASF together, without conflict. We should take the initiative, otherwise it will again be taken in Sydney."

Regionalisation into north and south leagues would of course have to be accompanied by automatic promotion and relegation, Mr Weinstein says.

In Victoria, there is great potential in clubs like Juventus and Falkirk, which, with the right approach, can win mass support from the Italian community, and Polonia which will benefit from renewed migration from Poland, Mr Weinstein says.

He says that without renewed sponsorship by Phillips Industries, the present PSL clubs will face even greater financial difficulties. Air fares are due to go up 10 per cent and accommodation costs already are 40 per cent higher than they were in 1977, when the PSL started.

He agrees that the Sydney clubs, through poker machine income, and Hellas, through its big crowds, may be able to carry the extra cost.



TOM ANDERSON

Soccer PR hopeless

When it comes to publicity, promotion and media relations, most Australian soccer clubs are in the novice class.

Little wonder that they are left behind by the Australian Rules and Rugby League promotion boys.

How many times have you heard the now-well-worn cry when things go wrong in soccer - "Oh, it's the Press getting it wrong" or "It's just some sensational stuff in the Press" or "If it wasn't for the Press, everything would be OK."

As far as I'm concerned it's

time a great deal of our clubs gave their promotions or publicity men - (for want of a better title) - a hefty kick up the you know where.

These guys think - along with a number of our top administrators that the Press and I'm talking about the national Press and the TV, are here to be public relations instruments for soccer.

I have many examples that

clearly demonstrate the futility of soccer PR's.

One major fault that is getting worse in Sydney, is the inability of teams to furnish the correct team sheets for the Press before PSL games.

At almost every game, there is a mistake on the sheet, with either the wrong players' names or the wrong numbers listed.

The situation became so ludicrous at the Philips Cup quarter final the other night that for the first 15 minutes of the game, the Press Corps missed the action, trying to find who was playing and where.

And this was not just an isolated case - it happens every week.

Also, there are many coaches who try to use the Press during the week when they announce their teams.

Time and time again these poor demented fellows throw in a "dummy" to try to confuse the opposition.

The poor journalist makes a big story about the "new" or "surprise" choice.

Then when he turns up at the game he finds that the player in question who grabbed the headline by his inclusion, is not playing.

But at the end of it all, this tomfoolery does not confuse the opposing coach an inch and usually ends up confusing the coach himself who 'used the Press'.

Then there is the poor communication between the clubs themselves or just the unwillingness to treat PR seriously.

Again, the perfect example of this was last Wednesday night in Sydney when Marconi played Leichhardt in the big Philips Cup game.

Blacktown City arranged for a function to be held the same night to release their new sponsorship, knowing full well of course that all the Press would be at the Cup tie.

This is not the first time Blacktown has in my opinion "called it wrong" with the Press and on two other occasions this season they have put on Press functions when the Press was engaged elsewhere.

Most probably Blacktown's Press, which I suppose is their business.

Kemp pulls no punches

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The Sydney papers carried headlines last week about Kemp helping to chuck specialist Marconi Stadium during the second half of the Philips Cup quarter-final in which Marconi beat APIA Leichhardt 3-1.

Tut, tut, not the done thing for a high-ranking PSL official, seemed to be the sentiments of the Sydney Press.

But by now Kemp's hide has been thickened by experience.

"I remember the first time I went on channel 9's 'World of Soccer' show. I thought that I would be asked about summer soccer and a couple of other things. I'm sitting there taping the segment when a big side flashes up with 'Soccer Action's' front page headline 'PSL BANS US'. Then the compere David Fordham is asking me about my views and I'm saying something like 'I'm not really in complete agreement with banning any soccer newspaper'."

"I mean, there's the bloody PSL secretary on air saying that he doesn't fully go along with one of his executive's decisions. But I didn't cop any flak after the show."

There's a rough diamond quality about Kemp which I find appealing.

He has to listen to the protestations of club officials all over Australia, complaining about deferred games, player suspensions and a host of other matters which are integral to the daily running of the most prestigious league in the land.

Taking this opportunity to put the boot on the other foot, he gives his views on the Australian Press.

"Personally I believe the standard of our soccer press needs to be improved. Too often space is devoted to areas other than the games themselves. Look at the Sydney papers. You can pick any one of the dailies up on a Monday morning and read extensive match reports about Rugby League but most of the soccer

space is devoted to columns where the journalists play politics."

Kemp holds a coaching ticket and a referee's ticket, all part of his attempt to find out more about the game. He also is the proud coach of one of North Rocks's junior sides.

"A top team with a top coach, mate," he quips.

"Seriously, though, these 12-year-olds are really good players and we're seven points clear at the top of the league."

"I was secretary of North Rocks for some time. Incidentally the club now runs 83 teams!"

"And I became vice-president of the Granville Soccer Association in Sydney until I resigned last year to take on the PSL job."

Kemp won't deny that his position carries

extensive decision-making powers. But he reckons most of the PSL club presidents are "top operators" and he feels he enjoys a good rapport with most of them.

"I fly interstate on many weekends because I reckon you have to fly the flag. There are 11 teams from outside Sydney and I try to see every one of them at least twice a year. Remember that the weekend's my time off. Actually I reckon I'd see more interstate people than Sydney people."

"I find all the clubs hospitable and friendly. They know I'm a straight shooter and they know me well enough to know that they don't have to patronise me."

"If I want to discipline a club I'll do it. I don't have to be a dictator and I always try to work in with the club or clubs involved in any matter. If I have to come down heavily on any club I do so after I've sought direction from the deputy chairman and chairman of the PSL executive."

Sometimes Kemp has had to "heavy" a club. He doesn't enjoy doing it. It's just his job.

Cup change, too

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This is not completely ideal, of course, but there would be a number of advantages over a simple split into two divisions where never the twain shall meet until the playoffs.

The credibility of the PSL as a national competition would be maintained. The number of home games - an important source of income for some clubs at least, and vital for the maintenance of spectator interest - would be 11 instead of seven from the current 15 a season.

Under such a system Perth may be able to join the PSL, which has by now lost any credibility it may have possessed.

It must be the only competition with pretensions to being taken seriously in which officials had to have great self-control in maintaining a poker face when making the public draw.

It was all there, the flashy and the neat little ping-pong balls with the teams' names of them.

Unfortunately, some of the urns - due to the seeding - contained only one ping pong ball.

It was a farce, and it's the reason why no-one takes the Cup too seriously.

Obviously, there is a lot to be organisationally, once the administration has its house in order, it can demand appropriate publicity and media coverage.

That ever so important area of soccer publicity will be the theme of my next column.

Presently the ASF and the PSL knock the Press, the Press tears strips off the other two, while television and radio mostly ignore the whole lot.

While I have a vested interest when passing judgement, as I will, let me say here and now that the fault isn't all on one side.

I will voice my opinion and make what I consider constructive suggestions.

Whether anyone accepts them or not is another matter.

BLAIR FOR CELTIC?

Steve Blair will follow his Hellen team-mate George Christopoulos to Europe in November. Christopoulos left for Greece on Tuesday to try his luck with

Aris of Salonica. Blair will go to Scotland after the world youth championships for trials with Celtic, Dundee and Hearts.

J.U.S.T. after Yugoslavs

Footscray JUST is trying to gain visas for two players from Yugoslavia.

They are forward Milan Kujic and defender Slobodan Popovic. Both play for Jadinstvo Breko, the Third Division club with which Zdravko Lujic spent the Australian off-season.

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They'll tackle England and Argentina

Socceroo youth team captain, Ian Hunter (left) accepts a pennant from New Caledonia's captain before one of the three match series played in Noumea recently.



National coach Les Scheinflug defined the nucleus of the Australian youth team over its three-match series against New Caledonia (2-1, 2-2, 1-0) in Noumea.

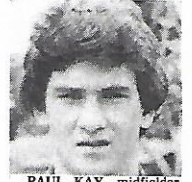
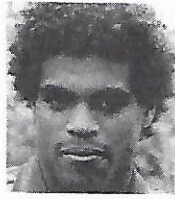
But there will be a few changes before the young Socceroos take on mighty Argentina and England in the Coca-Cola world youth championships starting on October 3.

Charlie Villani of Adelaide City is sure to be called into the squad, as is his club mate Chris Manou, and Calvin Daunt of Brisbane Lions.

Howard Tredinnick and Grant Storey of Newcastle

KB Utd should be given a chance to show what they can do and on his recent form, Bruno Cozzella of Footscray J.U.S.T. also warrants consideration.

Fabio Incantalupo of Victorian State League club Juventus is in the running, as are Vlatko Belic (JUST), Socrates Nicolaides (Hellas), David Watt (APIA), Dennis Ivanac (Dalmatinac).



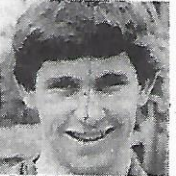
OSCAR CRINO, sweeper, midfielder or forward, switched from Juventus (Vic) to Australian sports institute this year. Played for juniors of San Lorenzo in Argentina, join Footscray J.U.S.T. juniors at age 12.

GERRY GOMEZ, centre back or forward, Sydney City, came from Pierio Rico.

BRETT WOODS, left back, Sydney City, joined from Auburn.

PAUL KAY, midfielder, Wollongong PSL Club. Switched from St George Budapest this year. Started with Dapto juniors. **JIM**

BRETT BEEVES, goalkeeper, Swansea-Belmont, Newcastle.



Some of the players in the running for the youth squad:

VLATKO BELIC, midfielder, Footscray JUST, Philips League regular.

GRANT STOREY, striker, Newcastle KB United, joined from Edgeworth. Promoted to KB's first team this year.

DAVID WATT, centre back or full back, APIA-Leichhardt, started with West Ryde Rovers at age 11, then Epping YMCA, Gladesville-Hornsby and APIA where he had had PSL games. Star of the NSW team that won 1980 national youth title.

BRUNO COZZELLA, forward, Foot-

scray JUST, switched from Altona City last year. Scored twice against Adelaide City two weeks ago.

SOCRATES NICOLAIDES, midfielder, South Melbourne Hellas. Was in Victorian team that won 1979 national youth championship.

ROBERTO TRAFFICANTE, left back, South Melbourne Hellas, joined from Juventus. Won 1978 Weinstein Medal as best Victorian under 16 player.

CALVIN DAUNT, striker, Brisbane Lions. Giant forward who started with Oxley Utd, then St. Helens and to Lions at

13. Back to Oxley for two years of senior soccer, half a year with Taranga Rovers and back to Lions.

LUCIANO SIGNORE, midfielder, Adelaide City, has played PSL senior matches.

FABIO INCANTALUPO, forward, Juventus (Vic), State League regular for two years.

CHRIS MANOU, midfielder, Adelaide City, PSL debut this year.

DENNIS IVANAC, goalkeeper, Dalmatinac, WA, regular member of national youth squad last year.

Youth team coach Les Scheinflug (left) and World Youth Championship tournament director Brian Emery befriend Kickaburra, the mascot for the tournament.

GLEN AHEARN, goalkeeper, Sydney City, started Southern Districts (NSW), then Musgrove Hill (Qld) and Brisbane Lions.



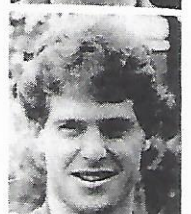
Footscray J.U.S.T.'s exciting young striker Bruno Cozzella (centre) raises his arm in triumph after scoring one of his two goals against Adelaide City.

ROBERT WHEATLEY, right back, signed by Blacktown City from Kuringai early this year.



DAVE MITCHELL, forward, Adelaide City, started with Angleform juniors, made senior debut with Enfield Victoria, from where Raie Rasic signed him for Adelaide City last year.

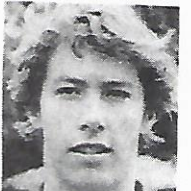
PATIKAS, midfielder, Sydney City, PSL regular. Started with Leichhardt at under 8, then APIA, Western Suburbs and Sydney City.



JOHN LITTLE, midfielder or forward, Preston-Makedonia. Switched to PSL from Altona City this year.

DENNIS COLUSSO, midfielder, Marconi. Joined Marconi at 13 from Smithfield Hotspur and made senior PSL debut this year.

IAN MCKIE, right back, West Adelaide, started with Salisbury East, then Salisbury Utd, Enfield Victoria and West Adelaide. Senior State squad twice.



IAN HUNTER, forward, Marconi, started with Bluew Mountains juniors, then Penrith RSL juniors. Started senior soccer with Nepean, then Blacktown and Marconi. Toured US with Australian schoolboys, 1978. Recovered recently from broken leg.

PETER RASKOPOULOS, midfielder, Sydney Olympic, toured US and Canada with Australian schoolboys, '78. Started with Earlwood Wanderers junior club, then Sydney Olympic, Marconi for two years.

GRANT LEE, forward, or midfielder, Sydney City. Started with Lane Cove, then Kuringai where he made senior



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JUNIOR SOCCER ACTION

US boys visit

Baxter Soccer Club's under 12 team recently was host to a visiting American under 12 team from the San Fernando Valley in Los Angeles.

The American boys spent 18 days with Baxter, whose families billeted the touring party of 16 boys and 2 adults.

They played five games, two against Baxter, winning 3-1 and drawing 2-2. They won 4-0 against Seaford under 12, and drew against Painisale 2-2, and Nunawading 3-3.

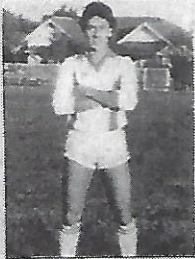
Part of their tour included attending school for three days. They were given a training session by Fred Brooks, had an exhibition of Australian Rules by Melbourne Football Club, and were invited to see Melbourne play St. Kilda at the MCG.

They were given civic receptions by the mayors of Melbourne and Frankston.

Baxter has been invited on a return trip to Los Angeles in March 1982, and the under 12 boys and their parents are busy raising funds by various means like progressive dinners, collecting bottles and film nights, to assist with the cost of the air fares.



The US visitors at a civic reception at Frankston



This is Andrew Zinni, top scorer of Port Melbourne's under 16s who has represented Victoria for the past five years.

He is one of the stars who have powered Port Melbourne into the quarter finals of the Victorian under 16 Cup, with wins of 12-0 over Hakoah, 5-1 against Heidelberg and 5-0 against Austria.

Port Melbourne started six years ago with only one junior team and now it heads the ladder in three divisions — under 12, 14 and 16 while the under 16s are second.



With the Juniors,
by FRED BROOKS

Victorian under 13 coach Alan Gentry has finalised his squad for the National Championships to be held at Darwin in September.

The final 16 are as follows: R. Brian (Waverley), M. Jokimide (Clarendon), R. Coale (Geelong Nth), G. Brack (Mooroolbark), Z. Baic (Box Hill), A. Byrne (Mooroolbark), D. Healy (Knox City), R. Ilichov (Waverley), A. Grbac (Essendon Croatia), T. Nardos (Nissan Utd), F. Salinger (Fawkner), A. McCormack (Springvale), J. Brack (Essendon Croatia), A. Duncanson (Knox City), R. Lubric (Northern Utd), P. Patriska (Clarendon).

Tony Dunkley, the State U/14 coach has also finalised his squad. This manager is Norm Cooper.

The squad is R. Corozza (Meadow Park), S. Bozinovski (Altona City), M. Aluvic (Hotspur Albany), P. Tzambalis (Albion Rovers), M. McCann (Nunawading City), J. Paasik (St. Albans), V. Cicalio (Kallor Australia), C. Siomos (Fern Tree Gully), E. Topal (St. Albans), A. Aron (Fawkner), T. Mitsou (Clayton), S. Watson (Nunawading City), Hugo Jude (Essendon Croatia), R. Markovic (Essendon Croatia), C. Kieleos (Clarendon), G. Simon (Sunshine City).

Ian Petrichuk is awaiting a fitness test on a player before naming his squad but we should have it by next week.

A young under 13 goalkeeper from Ballarat just failed to make the squad. The player David Vernon, has a lot of potential. David's father, John, represented Australia at the 1952 Olympic Games in Helsinki as a High jumper.



Sunshine City's under 12 team had scored 100 goals in league and Cup games this year and was undefeated as we went to Press. The team is coached by former Lions, St. Albans and Altona Gate player Franz Marth.

From left, rear: Ivan Kuzmanic (team manager), Franz Marth (coach). Standing row: T. Kuzmanic, J. Markovski, S. Bozinovski, D. Poriero, J. Papaminali, D. Rachichi, V. Fabiano, Z. Vasilevski. Front: C. Bozinovski, A. Marth, S. Borg, I. Ognenovski, M. Ristevski, S. Markovski, S. Patriska.

SOCCER BOOK A MUST FOR COACHES

B. Nettleton & R.A. Smith, SOCCER FOR TEACHERS, COACHES, AND PLAYERS, (Rigby Limited). A Review, by Walter Pless.

Brian Nettleton, a senior lecturer in the University of Melbourne's Department of Physical Education, and Ron Smith, a former Victorian Director of Coaching (now in Queensland), have written one of the best Australian produced books about soccer coaching published to date. "Soccer For Teachers, Coaches and Players" is one of the titles in Rigby's Australian Sports Series and is available in Sael Books as a paperback.

The authors, whose expertise is great, have drawn on a variety of sources (a full list is contained in the back) to produce a book that is a must for anyone who takes coach-

ing seriously (anyone who doesn't shouldn't be coaching).

There is a distinct difference between "coaching" players and "training" players.

"Coaching" is all about the exchanging of information between coach and player, leading to improved performance by the player (and possibly by the coach too). "Information" is what the player or coach needs to know in order to resolve uncertainty about acquiring and performing a particular skill or tactic. The teacher or coach should remember that the player is continually trying to remove the uncertainty associated with learning and performing a skill.

"Training", on the other hand, is characterised by a lack of two-way information flow and it is often based on unscientific and incorrect

methods. Whereas "coaching" caters for individuals as well as groups and whole teams, "training" treats players without any regard for individual differences and needs. The book by Nettleton and Smith shows the way to improve coaching, and thus, as a corollary, the game as a whole, at all levels.

The book deals with the development of both junior and senior players. It explains the skill acquisition process and provides a range of practices designed to develop the various skills. Much useful statistical information is presented to enable the coach to provide the correct type of sessions for his players. The principles of play are adequately covered and are accompanied by an outline of practice methods.

The final two chapters deal with

fitness. Various tests to determine a player's level of fitness are explained and outlined diagrammatically and these can be of immense value when planning a coaching program.

This book is a mine of information for teachers, coaches and players. Research findings (some of it drawn from other sports such as swimming, rugby and Australian Football) and statistics are used wisely to indicate how coaching should be conducted. Much can be acquired through sheer experience and as experience is essential.

However, as the authors point out: "Coaching depends upon the knowledge of the coach." Their book is invaluable to those who wish to keep abreast of the latest findings and who wish to adjust their coaching methods accordingly.

They used to 'hang' players at Blackpool

By Craig Mackenzie

The professional soccer player is the worst kind of animal. He'd stab you in the back if you got in his way. He can be devious and mean.

That's what Ringwood Wilhelmina's exciting import Brian Sinclair says.

Sinclair's tiny, compact frame and excellent close ball skills have taken Victoria's State League by storm.

But what about those comments on professional players?

"Let's look at my time with Blackpool in the English Second Division," says Sinclair.

"There were some real characters there.

"We had what we called the judging panel. If the word got around that you had been out with a bird the night before nothing was said until you came into the rooms after training the next day. The door and windows were shut. Sitting in front of you was the jury, the club's 13 apprentices. Mick Walsh was there then. He was the judge. Paul Heart and Alan Ainscoe were the solicitors, one defending you and the other prosecuting you.

"You always were found guilty and some incredible stories were made up about your exploits the previous night.

"The punishment was severe. I don't think you can print what sort of substance was dropped into your boots or shoes.

"Usually you were stripped, hosed down with cold water and hung by your hands in the grandstand no matter what sort of weather there was.

"I could go on with a million other stories but you couldn't put many of them in the paper."

Sinclair migrated to Australia in 1966 with his family. He has four brothers, one of whom, Darren, was an Australian boxing champion. His family moved from the migrant host in the Melbourne suburb of Broadmeadows to Moe, in the Victorian countryside.

But the taste of big time soccer was on the tip of Sinclair's tongue. He yearned for the life of a full time professional and he returned to England, to his native Liverpool.

I joked with Sinclair about his background. I asked him if he was from the Toxteth area, scene of recent street rioting.

"No mate, I'm from the docks area, Craig. I'd."

"I was in the Liverpool youth side but I didn't get offered an apprenticeship with Liverpool. I joined Ormskirk in the Cheshire League but three or four months after I'd joined the club went broke.

"Danny Maher, a scout for Bury in the Third Division, decided to form Ormskirk



Brian Sinclair

at Maine Road, Manchester City's home ground.

"I got a hat-trick in the final and you probably think I've got a hell of a memory but I can remember every goal vividly.

"My first goal was scored from a volley just outside the box, the second came from a header at the far post. Not bad for a little bloke. The third was a chip over the keeper as he came out.

"Funny thing was, though, that at the end of the match I tried to lift the cup above my head but it was too heavy and I dropped it."

Bobby Smith was Bury's boss. He talked Sinclair into signing as a part timer. When Sinclair turned 17 he signed a three-year contract as a full time professional.

"Full time soccer's great. You get paid for doing what you love — playing soccer.

"I always believed that my lack of inches was an advantage because I'm quick and can turn men well. Being small and nippy is good and my heading ability isn't bad for a little bloke."

"But in 1978 I had a disagreement with Smith. He wanted to encroach upon my personal life in a way which I didn't care for. We had a meeting and I was put on the transfer list."

"I knew that Blackpool and Liverpool had been watching me but when Liverpool found out about my argument with Smith, that put an end to my chances there. I've

Blackpool and he signed me for \$20,000 at the beginning of the 1978-79 season.

"We had an up-and-down season in the league. I was regular for the first half of the season but I was in and out of the side later on. I was an out-and-out winger then.

"Stewart Imlach was the first team coach. He was sacked and the reserve team coach took over, Derek Armstrong. "The players didn't take to Armstrong. More importantly he didn't take to me.

"I was mucking around with Mick Walsh in the training rooms one day. I was trying to spray Mick with a fire hose. Armstrong walked in and copped the spray instead of Mick.

"He stabbed me in the back after that incident. He was in the manager's ear and I didn't get my game regularly.

"Towards the end of the season the lads went out for the night. Armstrong was there and approached our table. He made a few smart remarks to me but he didn't make them for long.

"After that night I was finished with Blackpool."

"I ended up with Port Vale in Fourth Division.

"But the way in which I went there was a bit sick really. Alan Groves was at Blackpool with me. He too was a winger and Port Vale were looking for someone to work off Bertie Wright up front. Believe it or not Bobby Smith was Vale's manager. He put in a bid of about \$70,000 for Alan but the deal fell through.

"A couple of weeks later Alan died. He went out for the night on a Sunday, went to bed but never woke up.

"About a week after Alan's death, Smith got the Swindon Town job. Dennis Butler took over and he knew me. He rang me up and I decided to sign with Port Vale.

"That stint with the Vale probably was the best football I've ever played. There were four of us in the side who had played at Ormskirk Town and Bury together and everything about the club was good.

"The manager knew and understood me. He let me have my head, if you like.

"But in 1979 I was offered a really good contract by St George in Sydney. It was worth a lot of money to me and I wanted to return to Australia.

"My family was in Sydney. I asked to be released but Grimsby Town had put in a bid for me of about \$70,000. Port Vale also knew that Coventry City and Aston Villa were interested in me. I said that I wanted my contract cancelled so that I could go to Australia.

"Dennis Butler agreed but the board of directors said no. I walked into the clubrooms, chucked my boots down and told them where to go.

"Then I just had to wait for 12 months until the overseas ban which Port Vale placed upon me expired.

"By then the St George deal had fallen through and John van Hoboken, Ringwood's president, had written to me. I was down in the dumps at the time. At the end of April I came to Sydney, contacted van Hoboken, then came down to Melbourne."

Already Sinclair, in his first season of State League soccer, is earmarked for a PSL career.

He's on a one-year contract with Ringwood which expires on December 1 this year.

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Watson, Bruce rip open Heidelberg's flanks

Heidelberg 0 Sydney C 1

Score: Barnes 75th
Venue: Olympic Park
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Referee: Jack Johnston 8
HEIDELBERG: Clark 7 — Mullin 7 (inj. sub. Robertson 7 (inj. sub. Spanos 9, O'Connor 7, Bruce 9 — Cant 7, Souness 8, Barnes 6 — Watson 9, Patikas 8, Boden 5.

Sydney City Hakoah gets its chance to move further ahead of Hellas at the top of the ladder when it meets Blacktown City in a postponed game at Marconi Stadium tonight (Wednesday).

Hellas also has a postponed game, to be played probably next match, but it is a more difficult one, against Brisbane City in Brisbane.

Against Heidelberg last Sunday, Sydney City played out under injured striker John Kosmina, and Ken Boden appeared also to be worried by an injury, yet after a few lucky let-offs in the first few minutes, it controlled most of the game, with Joe Watson and Ian Bruce calling the shots on either flank.

Jim Patikas, usually a midfielder, also did a good job as stand-in central striker.

Kosmina remains in doubt for tonight's match due to a groin strain, but should be okay for the match against Footscray J.U.S.T. in Sydney next Sunday.

Argentinian star Rene Houseman also should be here by Houseman, who was to have played against Heidelberg, was held up in Buenos Aires

because his passport first had to be renewed. His younger brother Marcelo, 20, arrived on schedule last Wednesday, but he trained only once, on Friday, giving coach Eddie Thomson insufficient time to access his ability.

If Marcelo is only half as good as Rene, Thomson will have quite a few headaches in trying to pick his team. No-one deserves to be left out.

Heidelberg's problems are quite the opposite.

In fact the committee has made it clear it will have to buy a few new players next season.

While taking into account that in this match, against the league leader, Heidelberg was more intent on defending than on trying to take hold of the game, the performance was nevertheless disappointing.

The midfield in particular was badly beaten. Only Jim Campbell provided drive from there.

Ironically, however, Heidelberg could have won the match early while Sydney City, for all its possession, create very few scoring chances.

Only an uncanny save by goalkeeper Todd Clarke prevented a goal by Gary Cole in the first minute of play.

Cole scored a hat-trick in the 1981 Grand Final against Sydney City, but after that early miss his play and that of many of his team mates, degenerated.

Sydney City dominated in the middle and on the right flank where Joe Watson put on yet another brilliant performance.

Heidelberg spent most of the game trying to contain the Sydney City stars and rarely managed to push forward constructively.

During Sydney City's best first-half period, Patikas missed the ball in front of goal after a square pass from Jim Cant.

As the pressure increased Heidelberg started making panicky mistakes in defence.

Heidelberg had one of its rare scoring chances when a free kick by Cole deflected off a defender, deceiving Clarke but dropping wide.

And just after half time Selemidis, on the turn, hit the bottom of the post.

But it was Sydney City that maintained dominance; with Watson starring on the right and Ian Bruce attacking furiously from his left back position.

Alec Robertson replaced the injured Kevin Mullin in the 70th minute and five minutes later he provided the cross which Ian Souness slipped to Murray Barnes who scored the winning goal from inside the penalty area.

It was mainly the lion-hearted effort of sweeper John Yzendoorn that prevented Sydney City by winning by a greater margin.

Blacktown's rich!

Radio Rentals last week agreed to sponsor Blacktown City with \$100,000 until the end of 1983.

Before entering the PSL last year, Blacktown had risen six State divisions in seven years.

Its present lowly position in the PSL is considered by the club as only a temporary setback, and negotiations are under way to sign coach Rale Rasic on a long-term contract.

In one of their rare break-aways Preston's George McMillan sprinted past the defence in the 63rd minute but his shot went just wide of the post.

Tony Rasmussen, who started at left back and then starred at centre back, and Yugoslav import Branislav Krstic, were Blacktown's best players.

The result leaves Blacktown only one point ahead of bottom team West Adelaide which had a 2-0 win against Marconi.

In the eighth minute Blacktown nearly snatched the lead when Brian Turner fired a 20 metre shot which forced Preston goalkeeper Richard Wilson to make a brilliant save.

However, shots at goal were scarce in a match where most of the play took place in the middle.

Another chance went begging for Blacktown in the 61st minute when Krstic was free



Laurie Schwab

MATCH RATING: 7

Kouis not coming

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However, West Adelaide coach Peter Jakas has signed utility player Robert Marwa from Croatia (SA). Marwa previously played for Adelaide City.

Tredinnick celebrates

Newcastle 0 SM-Hellas 0

Ground — International
Sports Centre
Weather — Fine and Sunny
— Ground — Firm.
Cautions — Shirra (SM)
Mountford (N)
Crowd — 6099
Referee — Alf Rodway 6

Newcastle KB Dando 7, Reaney 7 — Tredinnick 9, Mason 8, Drinkwater 7, Sumner 7, Senkalski 8, Jones 8, Hays 6, Mountford 6, Storey 6, Stamp replaced Hays in 58th.

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The cheers had hardly died down when a minute later David Jones made a brilliant run down the left before serving Hays in what would only have been described a formality but from close range the red haired winger only managed to hit the bar.

At the other end of the field it was Branko Buljevic who managed to put Steve Wooddin into action and his left-footed player was flicked over the bar by Dando.

The second half opened with a bang when Wooddin broke away on the left and his cross was headed goalwards by Evans but Dando and Drinkwater combined to scramble it away.

That was possibly the only chance Hellas had during the match and a great deal of credit for this must go to the left back Howard Tredinnick who continually broke up menacing moves with some timely interventions, celebrating his inclusion together with Grant Storey to the Australian youth training squad with a great performance.

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Cool it, John

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Having been suspended and fined — rightly or wrongly — over the "secret tape" issue, John Yzendoorn should swallow his pride, cool it, sweat it, spit it out the four-match suspension and resume his Soccerco career next year.

He said at the weekend he would not take it lying down, that he would try to appeal, and that any other statements would be made by his solicitor.

However, if he makes more waves, he may jeopardise whatever may be left of his international career.

Even the law cannot instruct a national coach or federation to include a player in the national team.

The ASF has fined Yzendoorn \$300 as well as suspending him from the Soccerco's four remaining World Cup matches against Fiji (twice), Indonesia and Taiwan.

The suspension and fine are punishment for secretly having taped a team talk by former Soccerco coach Rusti Guendouf before the World Cup match against New Zealand in Auckland on 25 April.

The tape was taped on a cassette recorder belonging to Victorian journalist Les Shorrocks. The tape then found its way into the hands of Sydney journalist David Jack who wrote about it in the "Sydney Sun".

Yzendoorn's explanation was that, as a qualified coach himself, he was in the habit of collecting as much coaching information as possible, and that the tape was made for that purpose.

He regretted having allowed a journalist to borrow the tape.

Yzendoorn appeared before the ASF's World Cup committee in Sydney last Friday. After listening to him, the committee recommended to the ASF executive that he be suspended for one World Cup match and fined \$300.

But the executive, meeting at the weekend, decided to increase the penalty to four matches.



Teeth clenched in determination, Jim Patikas charges past Theo Selemidis. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

Boland stops penalty, Lujic devastating

FOOTS JUST 1 BRISBANE C 0

Goals: Verweij 12th
Venue: Schintler Reserve
Footscray.
Crowd: 1800 estimate
Referee: Bambridge 5.
Cautions: Hamilton, Kakantonis.

Sent off: Pimblett.

JUST: Boland 6, Kakantonis 6, Kondorides 6, O'Reilly 7, Hazarebent 7, Ivanovic 6, Ilioski 8, Bolic 6 (Milne 65th), Cozzella 6, Verweij 7, Lujic 9.

BRISBANE CITY: Coe 8, Perry 6, Dunne 7, Ratcliffe 6, W. Wilkinson 6, Hamilton 7, Vincenzino 6, Pimblett 6 (sent off 53th), Conner 6, (Palinkas 78th), Gaffney 7, McVaigh 7.

A dazzling display by Zdravko Lujic, an early goal, a penalty save by Dennis Boland, an opponent sent off, and a second-half performance which completely overwhelmed Brisbane City...

It all added up to a delightful afternoon for JUST supporters despite the biting cold afternoon at Schintler Reserve.

And the two points even helped the supporters to forget their being at the end of some strange refereeing decisions once again.

Referee Chris Bambridge gave a somewhat harsh decision, awarding the penalty to Brisbane City in the 23rd minute for a tussle by Steve Kakantonis with Larry Gaffney. And in the second half the referee disallowed what looked like a good goal by Johan Verweij who headed a Jim Milne cross into the net apparently for an infringement by the lanky striker against a Brisbane City defender.

To be fair, Bambridge took the same hard line against Frank Pimblett, sending him off for stopping Zdravko Lujic while he was in full flight when an expected a yellow card to come out.

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OLLERTON SENT OFF

Blacktown 0 Makedonia 0

Venue: Cobble Stadium.
Crowd: 3667.
Referee: Doug Rennie 6.
Cautions: Beech (Mak),
Sent Off: Ollerton (Mak) 70th.

BLACKTOWN: James 7 — Selva 7, Milovanovic 5 (inj. sub. Whootley 6, half time), Pointer 5, Rasmussen 8, Hormanabab 6 (Jones 75th), O'Donnell 5, Djordjevic 6, Krstic 8 — Burrows 6, Turner 7.

PRESTON-MAKEDONIA: Wilson 8 — Rainey 8, Petrovski 8, McMillan 8, Beech 8 — Luchessi 7, Boyle 7, Farrell 7, Whittle 7 — Brown 8, Ollerton 7 (sent off 70th).

Steve Beech became involved in a fracas, Peter Ollerton moved in, clashed with Ricel Hormanabab and was sent off by referee Doug Rennie.

But Ollerton was extremely



Ted Smithies

MATCH RATING: 7

Makedonia should have beaten Blacktown.

Ollerton, who will get at least a two-match suspension, said his tactic of getting men forward from deep positions worked well in the first half, when Doug Brown got through twice, only to hit the post and shoot wide.

With Ollerton out, Makedonia probably will push either Alan Whittle or Claude Lucchesi forward to support Brown.

ance of his players, but remained confident that they will do much better in the remaining games, especially against better sides which risk exposure at the back.

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MAGNIFICENT HOSZOWSKI

Canberra 2 Sydney Olympic 0

Scorers: Purdie, Gibson.
Ground: Pratten Park.
Crowd: 6150
Referee: Loranc 8

CANBERRA: Hoszowski 9 — Matuszewska 8, M. O'Shea 8, Byrne 7, Williams 7 (inj. Massa 65th) — Cole 8, J. O'Shea 8, R. O'Shea 7 — Gibson 7, Brennan 9, Purdie 7.

OLYMPIC: P. Wilson 7, Mousis 7, Ziras (inj. Palmer 10th, 5 Cotton 70th) Rowden 7, K. Wilson 6 — Raskopoulos 7, Katholos 6, Lanning 6, Scott 6, Koussas 7, Joings 7.

A freakish display by goalkeeper Steve Hoszowski and a tremendous front-running role by striker Tony Brennan carried Canberra to a 2-0 victory over Sydney Olympic in their Phillips League clash at Pratten Park.

Scottish imports Ian Purdie and Ian Gibson scored the goals, but Brennan and Hoszowski were the real stars in a performance which brought praise from both coaches.

George Murray of Canberra described Hoszowski as superb, and said that he would be a poor judge if Brennan didn't at least get in the Australian team.

"If Steve hadn't saved a couple early, it could have changed the result of the match. But Brennan is an exciting personality and is at least worth a national trial," he said.

Olympic coach Doug Collins agreed that Brennan was the most dangerous player on the field, and said Hoszowski had pulled off some great saves.

The Canberra keeper never hesitated to dive and take the ball off the feet of the Olympic forwards, and on one occasion actually beat the forwards to a ball outside his area and dribbled past them.

He always was in position to cut-off scoring opportunities, and failed clear chances by Derek Laing, Mark Koussas, Graham Jennings, Peter Raskopoulos and Andy Scott.

Hoszowski even brought applause from the Olympic supporters when he made a brilliant one-handed save off a Koussas header in the final minutes which appeared to be a certain goal.

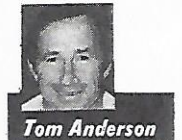
Australian coach Les Scheinflug was at the match and was impressed with the display by both Brennan and Hoszowski.

Scheinflug probably will an-

apart from these two areas the match was a washout as a spectacle, with Olympic failing to produce its free-flowing array of recent moments.

The tight-marking Canberra defence tied down the strikers, and the speed of Brennan often split the Olympic defence.

O'Connor, Butler to miss Hellas game?



Tom Anderson

MATCH RATING: 8 APIA 1 Wollongong 0

Scorer — Terry Butler 16 minutes.
Venue — Lambert Park.
Conditions — Good.
Crowd — 4222.
Referee — Peter Ramplay, 8.
APIA-LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse 8, McAusland 7, Pullen 8, Wilson 8, Hughes 8, Kafka 7, Butler 8 (sub Bradley 60th), Gray 7, Soper 7, Mor-

sello 7, O'Connor 8 (sub McKillo 80th).
WOLLONGONG: Vardareff 8, Dunleavy 8, Ainsworth 8, Bertogno 8, Adam 7, Fleming 7, De Graaf 7, Latham 7, Trandinnick 8, Fontana 7, Campbell 7.

This match put APIA-Leichhardt in third place on the PSL ladder and into the honors race in a big way.

However, it was a very expensive victory and it could cost the Lambert Parkers dearly in their big quest to take points off South Melbourne Hellas at Middle Park on Sunday.

For key players Phil O'Connor and Terry Butler picked up injuries that could see them sidelined for a week or two. O'Connor suffered a damaged arm in the 80th minute, following a hard collision with a Wollongong defender.

Butler had trouble with his damaged knee and the little terror had to be replaced in the 50th minute. Both players were in tre-

mendous form for Leichhardt and will be sadly missed if they fail to recover in time for Sunday's game.

This tough clash at Lambert Park should have been all over bar the shouting at the interval.

Leichhardt had enough chances to win six games but only managed to convert one into a goal.

Time and again, with the goal at their mercy, the Leichhardt strikers failed.

They just were too compulsive and too eager to stick the ball away.

This made their finishing terrible and chances went begging. Wollongong held on grimly and counter-attacked at every opportunity.

In the second half the provincials turned the tables on Leichhardt and hit them with everything but the kitchen sink. If that had been handy they would probably have thrown it in as well.

The Wolves came forward in droves and in the end it was only the experience and determination of central defenders Peter Wilson and Mark Pullen that kept them at bay.

It is said it is tough at the top and indeed Leichhardt felt the pressure in the last half of this game.

It probably taught them an important lesson that one goal is not enough and to ease the pressure chances must be taken.

Overall it was another highly entertaining game and both teams looked the part.

This was an entirely different Wollongong team from that which played so negatively against Sydney City. The Wolves were bright, determined and positive and this is a team filled with talented performers.

Leichhardt has improved out of sight and if they can get O'Connor and Butler back in action quickly they will not be far away from that pot of gold at the end of the season.

Sobczyk lifts Polonia, Marton now has 32

DEZ MARTON struck again when St George thrashed Parramatta 4-0 to stay at the top of the Coca-Cola State League.

The striker hit a hat-trick with the other goal coming from Barrie Walker.

The three goals took Marton's tally to seven in five days, following up his four against Auburn last Wednesday.

He has now scored 32 goals in 20 State League outings for the Saints this year.

Barring injury, he should rewrite the State League goal-scoring record book by the end of the season.

It was an unhappy day all round for Parramatta yesterday, as its former Saints striker Jim Herron was sent off midway through the second half.

A well taken goal by Ricky Budini in the 12th minute of the second half gave Polonia a 2-1 victory in a draw battle with Bankstown in the NSW State League match at Chapin Park on Saturday.

Polonia got an early breakthrough when forward Henry Sobczyk scored in the 10th minute from close in after a long cross from the left.

Bankstown lost key midfielder Craig Peck with a hamstring injury only a minute later, and his midfield place was filled by left back Chris Rootsey.

It was Rootsey who scored Bankstown's goal in the 39th minute.

From a free kick on the left, he headed the ball onto the crossbar but made no mistake when given a second chance from the rebound.

After the dull, even first half, Polonia took charge in the second period and put the Bankstown goal under much pressure.

Centre-back Budini's goal was the highlight of the match. He took the ball on his chest inside the penalty area and, with a swift stroke of the ball, sunk it into the bottom left pocket of the net.

Budini was one of Polonia's better players, with their man of the match being Sobczyk.

North Sydney Inter, a man down for most of the match, upset ambitious Riverwood with a 3-1 at North Sydney Oval.

The dismissal of Robert Restore by the referee was a double blow to North Sydney as they had transferred leading players Tom Steven and Jim Bottalico to Croatia earlier in the week.

Playing without injured Mick Dale and Bob McGinn as well, North's determined youngsters led 2-0 at half time due to goals from Joe Morsello and Alex Bottalico.

Alan Fisher pulled one back for Riverwood, but North Sydney's Shane Wilson netted North Sydney's third goal with only two minutes remaining. North Sydney sweeper Alex Bottalico was the man of the match, as he controlled play superbly from central defence.

centre-back, Mark Barton, suffered ligament damage to his ankle and was replaced by George Bosganos.

Outstanding players were Caputo and Heywood for Monaro, whilst for Canterbury Ross Brown and Neil Williams never stopped trying.

COCA-COLA LEAGUE
POLONIA 2 (Sobczyk, R. Budini) d BANKSTOWN 1 (Rootsey), at Chapin Park, Crowded: 250.

MONARO 1 (Heywood) d CANTERBURY 0, at Arlington, Crowded: 200.

NORTH SYDNEY 3 (J. Morsello, A. Bottalico, Wilson) d RIVERWOOD 1 (Fisher), at North Sydney, Crowded: 200.

CROATIA 2 (Borges, M. Silva) d AUBURN 1 (Brown).

ST GEORGE 4 (Marton 3, Walker) d PARRAMATTA 0.

MANLY 1 (Ragan) draw with MELVILLE 1 (Jensen).

AVALE 1 (Rula) draw with SUTHERLAND 1.

| | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|------------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| St George | 18 | 2 | 0 | 78 | 8 | 38 |
| Croatia | 17 | 3 | 0 | 56 | 16 | 37 |
| Melita | 13 | 4 | 3 | 45 | 19 | 30 |
| Sutherland | 9 | 4 | 8 | 27 | 32 | 22 |
| Polonia | 9 | 3 | 8 | 22 | 23 | 21 |
| Manaro | 8 | 4 | 7 | 28 | 36 | 20 |
| Canterbury | 5 | 6 | 9 | 28 | 36 | 15 |
| Riverwood | 7 | 2 | 9 | 22 | 33 | 18 |
| N. Sydney | 5 | 10 | 25 | 40 | 15 | 15 |
| Manly | 5 | 4 | 10 | 21 | 29 | 14 |
| Avale | 4 | 4 | 11 | 21 | 43 | 12 |
| Auburn | 5 | 13 | 18 | 40 | 11 | 11 |
| Parramatta | 4 | 14 | 18 | 40 | 10 | 10 |
| Blacktown | 2 | 14 | 22 | 44 | 8 | 8 |

SECOND GRADE
Polonia 1 d Bankstown 0, Canterbury 5 d Monaro 0, Riverwood 8 d North Sydney 0, Auburn 3 d Croatia 1, Manly 1 d Melita Eagles 0, Sutherland 1 d Avale 0, St George 4 d Parramatta 0.

THIRD GRADE
Bankstown 3 d Polonia 0, Riverwood 3 d North Sydney 0, Auburn 4 d Croatia 3, Melita Eagles 2 d Manly 1, Sutherland 11 d Avale 1, St George 3 d Parramatta 1.

JOHN PERIN SENT OFF

Brisbane Lions 2 Adelaide City 1

Goals: Ferris 57th, Williamson 83rd (B) Melta 52nd (A).
Ground — Richards.
Weather — Fine. Crowd — about 2500.
Cautions — Russell, Jones, Melta (A).
Sent off — Perin (A).
Referee — C. Amos 7.
LIONS — Lownds 7, Ontong 8, Hermiston 8, Bennett 8, Niven 7, Hogg 8, Ferris 8, McLean 8, Low 7, Daunt 8, Williamson 7.

ADELAIDE CITY — Przybylski 7 (Porensin 65th), Russell 8, Jones 7, Perin 8 (sent off 75th), B. Nyskohus 8, Marocchi 6, Melta 6, Villani 6, (Manou 84th), J. Nyskohus 7, Mitchell 7, Fashanu 7.

Veteran defender Johnny Perin let his team down badly when he got himself sent off towards the end of Adelaide City's 2-1 loss to Brisbane Lions.

It was Adelaide City's second successive loss and represents a serious threat to their title aspirations.

Brisbane Lions on the other hand are becoming virtually



Bruce Waddell

MATCH RATING: 8

unbeatable at home on their fine playing surface.

Lions' only loss at home this season was a second round 1-0 defeat by Newcastle and they have knocked over title candidates Canberra and South Melbourne, as well as Adelaide City.

After a scoreless first half, the match was delicately poised at 1-1 in the 75th minute, when Perin was reported to referee Col Amos by his linesman for an incident involving Colin Daunt.

Perin did not protest at all when shown the red card the second time he has been involved in a similar situation this year and calmly walked to the dressing room.

Amos had just refused Adelaide City a heated claim for a penalty, after John Nyskohus had been brought down and needless to say they were far from happy with the refereeing overall.

It was an enjoyable match between two evenly balanced teams, the only major difference being in the middle, where Ferris McLean and Hogg displayed much more tenacity than Melta, Villani and Marocchi.

Until his departure, Perin had been providing a grand sweeping performance, setting up many forward moves, and I had him marked down as Adelaide City's most outstanding player.

There were some great individual battles, including David Jones' tussle with Daunt and the much-awaited Col Bennett — Justin Fashanu confrontation.

Fashanu, as expected, caused considerable problems, but only in patches, and as he did not score, Bennett must be acclaimed the winner.

Serge Melta cracked home Adelaide City's goal in the 52nd minute with a deceptive shot which spiralled off the outside of his right boot and at that stage it looked likely to be the winner.

But five minutes later Lions were level, after Jack Przybylski had failed to hold a Craig Low shot and as he tried to recover under pressure from Daunt, Ferris found the empty net.

Lions then snatched the winner with only seven minutes left.

Daunt won the contest for a Steve Hogg cross and the ball fell to Billy Williamson. The former Dundee striker, playing in his first match, joyously slotted home the winner.

Fighting for survival

West Adel. 2 Marconi 0

Scorers: Lorenzoni 52nd, 72nd.
Cautions: Topaz (West); Byrne, Brogan (Marconi).
Ground: Hindmarsh Stadium.
Crowd: 3,500.
Weather: Cold and wet.
Referee: Graham Meel 7.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 8 — Maric 7, Kambas 8, Forde 7, Bozanic 8 — McGregor 8, Honeyman 8, Topaz 9, — Smythe 8, Lorenzoni 9, Manecus 8.

MARCONI: Corry 7 — Brogan 7, Henderson 7, Mariani 7, Dayney 7 — Houszeln 6, (Sharnel), Byrne 8, Johnson 8, Hunter 7, Jankovics 8, Krnecvic 7.

Aldo Lorenzoni struck two killer second-half goals to complete West Adelaide's destruction of Marconi at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Lorenzoni, 20, was included in the team after central striker Peter Kowalski had his appendix removed on Saturday night. Fears that Kowalski's absence would upset the balance of the team which in recent weeks had performed as a tight unit were dismissed when Lorenzoni harassed the Marconi defence from the opening minute.

Although relatively short, Lorenzoni was dangerous both on the ground and in the air.

He provoked a brilliant save from Ron Corry, standing in for the injured Allan Maher, in the 10th minute with a fine header from a Tom Forde cross.

West Adelaide dominated the first half and kept Corry busy although he looked relatively safe.

The only time he looked suspect was when crosses were floated into the penalty area.

West Adelaide stepped up the pace midway through the first half when Forde headed the ball into the net, though it was rightly disallowed, and then Vic Bozanic slammed a great ground shot which Corry did well to smother.

Coach Peter Jaksa must have been pleased with the first half.



Meno Tousidis

MATCH RATING: 8

this did not happen against Marconi.

Lorenzoni fired West into the lead when he raced into the penalty area, beat Tony Henderson to the ball and hit an unstoppable shot high into the net.

This sparked Marconi into immediate action and for the first time Raul Blanco's team had West pegged in defence.

Martyn Crook, again in excellent form, blocked a good attempt by Mark Jankovics who worried West with his good control and incisive passing.

But youth Soccerro captain Ian Hunter missed the best opportunity when he beat the offside trap and sprinted half the length of the field but shot wide with only Crook to beat.

Peter Sharnel, who had still not recovered from a knee injury, came on after West's goal for Houssein Housseini but he made little impression on West's defence.

After soaking up consistent pressure from Marconi, West scored a stunning goal in the 72nd minute.

Tom Forde won a difficult ball on the touchline, speared it to Manecus who then crossed to Lorenzoni who was hemmed in a tight corner 10 metres from goal. The compact striker chested the ball, spun and rammed a magnificent goal past Corry from the tight of angles.

Marconi did not give in after this second setback but were frustrated by the timely interceptions of Crook who did not fumble one ball despite the slippery conditions.

On the basis of this win and its recent good form, West must have a good chance of avoiding relegation.

The win, incidentally, was



Marconi's Stuart Johnston beats Shraga Topaz to the ball. Picture by FRANK HOBBS.

KRNCEVIC NETS 3

APIA 1 Marconia 3

Ground: Barton Park, Wednesday night.
Goals: Krnecvic (M) 12th, 53rd and 80th; Morsello (APIA) 65th.
Crowd: 3800.
Referee: Henry Witschge 6.
APIA-LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse 7 — McAusland 7, Hughes 7, Wilson 8, Pullen 7 — Kafka 7, Grey 7, Butler 8 — Morsello 7, Soper 7, O'Connor 8.

MARCONI-DATSUN: Corry 7 — Brogan 7, Henderson 8, Mariani 8, Dayney 7 — Byrne 8, Houszeln 7, Johnston 7 — Hunter 7 (Sharne 56th), Krnecvic 9, Jankovics 8.

Eddie Krnecvic recaptured his scoring touch by netting a hat-trick in a match that almost was abandoned when referee Henry Witschge demanded more police.

MATCH RATING: 8

Kemp that more police should be called.

Part of the crowd had started the second half by hurling debris onto the pitch. One object hit a linesman.

After Kemp had persuaded Witschge to resume the match, a spectator ran onto the field to argue with a linesman, and it was Kemp, with the help of a policeman, who escorted him off.

Extra police arrived just before the end of the game and escorted the match officials to their rooms under the grandstand.

Both clubs incurred a \$100 fine before the game for having their team sheets incorrect.

Marconi fielded 40-year-old former World Cup goalkeeper

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| 2. (2) | *Sth Melbourne Hellas | 7 | 2 | 1 | 13 | 7 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 12 | 11 | 25:18 | 27 |
| 3. (4) | *APIA-Leichhardt | 6 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 11 | 12 | 26:19 | 26 |
| 4. (5) | Canberra City | 4 | 4 | 2 | 17 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 11 | 7 | 28:15 | 25 |
| 5. (3) | Adelaide C. Juventus | 7 | 0 | 4 | 18 | 12 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 17 | 12 | 35:24 | 25 |
| 6. (8) | *Brisbane Lions | 7 | 3 | 1 | 17 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 12 | 26:18 | 23 |
| 7. (6) | Brisbane City | 7 | 2 | 1 | 17 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 13 | 23:16 | 23 |
| 8. (7) | Newcastle KB Utd | 4 | 4 | 3 | 19 | 11 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 11 | 15 | 30:26 | 23 |
| 9. (9) | Wollongong | 2 | 6 | 2 | 13 | 12 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 10 | 9 | 23:21 | 21 |
| 10. (10) | *Marconi-Datsun | 5 | 2 | 3 | 12 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 15 | 27:27 | 20 |
| 11. (11) | *Sydney Olympic | 5 | 4 | 2 | 17 | 13 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 12 | 23 | 29:36 | 18 |
| 12. (13) | Footscray JUST | 5 | 4 | 2 | 15 | 11 | 1 | 8 | 5 | 24 | 20 | 35:17 | |
| 13. (12) | *Heidelberg Alexander | 3 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 16 | 20 | 26:32 | 16 |
| 14. (14) | Preston Makedonia | 3 | 4 | 3 | 14 | 11 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 22 | 22:33 | 14 | |
| 15. (15) | *Blacktown City | 2 | 3 | 5 | 13 | 16 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 11 | 18 | 24:34 | 12 |
| 16. (16) | West Adelaide Hellas | 3 | 2 | 5 | 11 | 11 | 1 | 9 | 8 | 23 | 19:34 | 11 | |

*Match in hand. Sydney City v. Blacktown to be played tonight (Wednesday).

TEAM OF WEEK

In brackets — number of appearances in this team —

HOSZOWSKI (1)
(Canberra)**RUSSELL (4)** (Adel City) **BENNETT (3)** (Bris Lions) **YZENDOORN (2)** (Heidelberg) **H. TREDINNICK (2)** (Newcastle)**BUTLER (2)**
(APIA)**ILIOSKI (5)**
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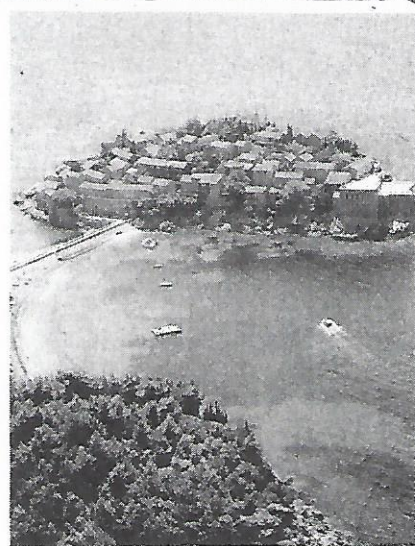
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Day 6 Saturday — SPLIT/DUBROVNIK.

Day 7 Sunday — DUBROVNIK.

Day 8 Monday — DUBROVNIK.

Day 9 Tuesday — DUBROVNIK/MOSTAR.

Day 10 Wednesday — MOSTAR/SARAJEVO.

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the charming island. Sightseeing highlights include the
oldest theatre in Europe, the City Walls and the old Arsenal.
Dinner and overnight.

Day 5 Friday — HVAR/SPLIT. Transfer to pier at 4.00 p.m.
for a two-hour journey to Split. Upon arrival transfer to your
hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 6 Saturday — SPLIT. Morning sightseeing of this
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visits Diocletian's Palace with the Emperor's Mausoleum,
now the Cathedral, Jupiter's Temple, and many buildings
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HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 0 SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 1
(Barnes) at Olympic Park. Votes by Laurie Schwab: 6 Watson
(SC), 5. Yzendoorn (H) 4, Bruce (SC) 3, Campbell (H) 2,
Patikas (SC) 1 Pasanos (SC).

BRISBANE LIONS 2 (Ferris, Williamson) ADELAIDE CITY
JUVENTUS 1 (Melta) at Richlands. Votes by Bruce Waddell:
6 Bennett (BL), 5. B. Nyakohus (AC), 4. McLean (BL), 3.
Ferris (BL), 2. Russell (AC), 1. Hermlston (BL).

APIA-LEICHHARDT 1 (Butler) WOLLONGONG CITY 0 at
Lambert Park. Votes by Tom Anderson: 6 Butler (APIA), 5. P.
Tredinnick (W), 4. Wilson (APIA), 3. P. O'Connor (APIA), 2.
Dunleavy (W), 1. Pulan (APIA).

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 2 (Lorenzoni 2) MARCONI 0 at
Hindmarsh Stadium. Votes by Meno Toutaidis: 6 Lorenzoni
(WA), 5. Topaz (WA), 4. Crook (WA), 3. Jankovics (M), 2.
Honeyman (WA), 1. Byrne (M) 1.

FOOTSCRAY JUST 1 (Verwoj) BRISBANE CITY 0 at
Schintler Reserve. Votes by Dick Prondergast: 6. Lujic
(JUST), 5. Ilioski (JUST), 4. Boland (JUST), 3. Coe (BC), 2.
Verwoj (JUST), 1. Gaffney (BC).

NEWCASTLE KB UTD 0 SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 0
at International Sports Centre. Votes by Joe Lanzoni: 6. H.
Tredinnick (N), 5. Mason (N), 4. Blair (SM), 3. Bannon (SM),
2. Davidson (SM), 1. Senkaleki (N).

BLACKTOWN 0 PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0 at Gabbie Sta-
dium. Votes by Ted Smithies: 6. Ramussen (B), 5. McMillan
(Mak), 4. Petrovski (Mak), 3. Krstic (B), 2. Brown (Mak), 1.
Beech (Mak).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0 CANBERRA 2 (Gibson, Purdie) at
Pratten Park. Votes by Roger Shark: 6. Hoszowski (C) 5.
Brennan (C) 4. Mitsopoulos (C) 3. M. O'Shea (C) 2. Cole (C) 1.
J. O'Shea (C).

Leaders:

64. Hermlston (BL).
61. Mitchell (AC)
57. Bennett (BL)
55. T. Byrne (Can)
52. Crook (WA)
48. O'Connor, Wilson (APIA), Bertogne (W), Boland
(JUST).

47. Dunleavy (W)

43. Evans (SM)

42. Ontong (BL)

40. Brennan (Can), Kosmina (SC), Ziros (SO)

38. Coe (BC)

Top scorers:

9. Bodern, Barnes (SC).

8. Ollerton (Mak), Mitchell, J. Nyakohus (AC), P. Wilkinson
(BC).7. Kosmina (SC), Kouasaa (SO), Chriopoulos (SM), Soper
(APIA).6. Soumes (SC), Evans (SM), P. O'Connor (APIA), Gibson
(Can), Sharma (Mak), Cole (H'berg), Mountford (Newel).5. Cullen (Mak), Jannings (SO), Valeri (Can), Paton
(H'berg), Ilioski (Footal), Adam, McEwen (W), Millman

Makedonia, Brown about to 'burn'?

If Preston Makedonia takes a point from Sunday's Connor Reserve clash with Newcastle KB United it would be just the tonic needed to start a drive away from the relegation zone.

Preston might not have set the FSL world on fire in its inaugural year in the league but the Victorian soccer public was treated to aggressive attacking soccer from Makedonia last year in the State League which suggested that with the inclusion of a couple of quality players the club would consolidate its FSL status in 1981.

But this year has seen player unrest, a coaching change and a bitter fight on the hands of the club.

Doug Brown and Alan Whittle are the top flight imports which Makedonia's hoped for success has centred upon.

I rate both of them highly. Okay so some people are critical of Brown's attitude. But the Brown I've seen and admired has the potential to be one of the most exciting players in the FSL.

No doubt Brown exhibited similar potential during his professional career in Scotland and England. If not, Aberdeen and Sheffield United wouldn't have had anything to do with him.

The danger Brown faces is to be left with the tag of being potentially brilliant without ever realising that potential.

The ball's in his court. If he decides to perform and applies himself to the task he'll leave bigger name players in his wake.

KB's recent form suggests that it can stretch Makedonia to near breaking point but I expect the home side to withstand KB's assault force led by Bob Mountford, Graham Heys and David Jones.

Makedonia can and will take at least a point from Sunday's game.

South Melbourne Hellas. What can I say about you that I haven't before? You're facing up to APFA Leichhardt at Middle Park on Sunday and you know and I know that you must win.

Championships are won and lost at this nerve tingling stage of the season with the top of the table oh so tight.

I think you'll win on Sunday. I don't think Alun Evans, Steve Wooddin and George Campbell can be held at arm's length for long. They'll break the grip of APFA's defence and find room to do their infighting where it really matters — inside the box.

IN MELBOURNE

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v APFA Leichhardt at Middle Park, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1979 - APFA 2-1, 2-1. 1980 - APFA 1-0, Hellas 1-0. 1981 - 1-1.

Preston Makedonia v Newcastle KB at Connor Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1981 - KB 4-0.

IN SYDNEY

SYDNEY CITY v Footscray JUST at Sydney Athletic Field, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 - SC 4-3, 2-2. 1978 - JUST 2-1, 1-1. 1979 - SC 3-0, JUST 1-0. 1980 - SC 2-1, 2-2. 1981 - JUST 1-0. No advantage. Goal advantage Sydney City: 15:13.

Marconi v Sydney Olympic (draw) at Marconi Stadium, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 - Mar 2-0, 0-0. 1978 - 1-1, 0-0. 1979 - Mar 3-0, 2-0. 1981 - SO 2-0.

IN WOLLONGONG

WOLLONGONG v West Adelaide at Wollongong Showgrounds, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1981 - 0-0.

IN ADELAIDE

ADELAIDE CITY v Blacktown at Olympic Sports Field, Sunday, 2.30 pm. Previous results: 1980 - AC 3-2, 2-1. 1981 - AC 5-1.

IN BRISBANE

Brisbane City v Brisbane Lions (draw) at Spencer Park, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 - B. City 3-1, Lions 2-1. 1978 - Lions 1-0, B. City 2-1. 1979 - B. City 2-1, 0-0. 1980 - Lions 1-0, 1-1. 1981 - Lions 1-0. Advantage Lions 4 wins, 2 draws, 3 losses. Goals: 9:9.

IN CANBERRA

Canberra v HEIDELBERG at Bruce Stadium, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 - Heid 2-0, 1-0. 1978 - Canb 1-0, 2-2. 1979 - Heid 2-1, 0-0. 1980 - Heid 2-0, 1-0. 1981 - 1-1. Advantage Heidelberg 5 wins, 3 draws, 1 loss. Goals: 11:5.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

What leaves a lingering doubt in my mind about the outcome is Phil O'Connor, the elusive, skilful, O'Connor who has turned the tide in APFA's favor a few times this season.

Stop O'Connor, Hellas, and you will have taken a big step toward getting both points from this crucial game.

Footscray J.U.S.T. travels to the Sydney Athletic Field on Sunday with one of the best records against Sydney City in FSL history.

There's hardly a side in Australia who can boast three wins against the classy Slickers in league games in the past four and a half years.

Some sides have played against Sydney City for hours without scoring whereas J.U.S.T. has dented the back of the Slickers' net on 13 occasions.

But although history points to a draw, reality points to the class difference between these sides being exemplified by a win to the Sydney outfit.

Marconi has to face up to Sydney Olympic's charge at Marconi Stadium on Sunday.

There's one thing about Olympic. It mightn't be as high up the ladder as its Greek following would like it to be but boy it sure gives value for money.

While the floodgates have been open in the Olympic defence for most of the season its fanatic attack-at-all-costs attitude has produced some amazing scorelines.

This shouldn't change at Marconi Stadium. The home side doesn't boast the most solid back four in the FSL so it can expect Mark Koussas, Graham Jennings, Roy Cotton and Co. to keep Alan Maher on his toes for the full 90 minutes.

But big Eddie Krncevic seems to be running back into form. Provided he receives the service his aerial ability requires he'll terrorise Olympic's would-be defenders.

The outcome of this game is anybody's guess. I can't decide which side will get to 10 first so I've gone for a draw.

Brisbane will be buzzing on Sunday because it's derby day again. This time it's Spencer Park's turn to host the clash between Brisbane City and Lions.

Honestly I had to write the names of these sides on two pieces of paper, screw them up, drop them into Les Shorrocks' tartan bonnet and pick one out.

Les's bonnet has seen more matches than the inside of Bryant and May's. It must have had a couple of holes in it because I couldn't find the pieces of paper when I put my hand in. Sorry but I'm going for a draw.

And if Wollongong and Adelaide City can't knock off West Adelaide and Blacktown respectively this column should come out in brail.

I thought Blacktown would escape the relegation zone but I'm starting to have my doubts. Coach Rale Rasic hasn't the material to work on. It's as simple as that. Rasic was the first to admit that Adelaide City produced some of the best soccer seen in Sydney by a visiting side when it hammered Blacktown 5-1 earlier this season and as Rasic well knows he can expect more of the same when these sides meet at Olympic Sports Field on Sunday.

Last but by no means least let's look at the Canberra — Heidelberg game at Bruce Stadium on Sunday.

Bruce Stadium must hold fond memories for most of the Bergers who deservedly basked in the glory of last year's Grand Final success.

There's some daft talk going around the soccer traps in Melbourne suggesting that Heidelberg could finish perilously close to relegation.

Forget it. The Bergers will finish in the middle of the table. Those of you who delight in sticking pins into effigies of Len McKendry are wasting your time. Granted there are no logical reasons for McKendry and Heidelberg to not rekindle the systematic, successful style of 1980 but turning to ancient superstitions really is clutching at straws. Heidelberg is back. You better believe it.



Can South Melbourne Hellas stop APFA's king pin striker Phil O'Connor at Middle Park on Sunday?

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ALARM CHRONOGRAPH

The "Soccer Action" goalkeeper of the year will receive a Seiko watch from Konstantine Jewel Box, Melbourne.

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This week's top goalkeeper is Steve Hozowski of Canberra.

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DOVETON

Wests fight back, Polonia is home

The Victorian Leagues

A goal by Tad Kryszinski, who had come on as a substitute, gave Polonia a 1-0 victory over Morwell Falcons and increased its lead at the top of the First Division ladder, while nearest rivals Western Suburbs and Albion Rovers drew.

Only a major form reversal will deprive Polonia of promotion back to the State League, as it now is four points clear and has the best goal difference in the division.

Kryszinski's goal makes him joint second-highest goalscorer in the league. He and Osman Latif of Austria both have 11 goals, one less than top-scorer Brendan Lakic of Polonia.

Top scorers in other divisions are Forsyth of Doncaster, with 14 goals in Division Two, Coyle of Heidelberg, with 18 goals in Division Three, and Middlemast of Nunawading and Michaelopoulos of Brighton, each with 10 goals in Division Four.

FIRST DIVISION

WESTERN SUBURBS 3 (Moore 2, Kupisz 1) ALBION ROVERS 3 (Spiteri, D'Sylva, Creany)

WESTERN SUBURBS: Mitandla — Kypiridila, Glykolas, Karapatas, Daglia — McCarthy, Moore, Vojtek, Kupisz — Segi, Klarin.

Western Suburbs remained in second place behind Polonia, on goal difference from Albion Rovers by coming from behind to draw this match.

John Creany put Albion ahead from close range after a corner in about the 10th minute and that was the score at half time.

After a half-time talk by player-coach Billy Vojtek, Wests came out full of fire. Vojtek tried to chip Albion coach Frank Munro, the ball hit Munro on the hand and Steve Moore equalised from the free kick.

But from a throw — in-play, Albion worked the ball forward to Stuart Gilmore who cut it across the box to Charlie Soiter to score.

Albion went to a 3-1 lead with a free kick through the Western Suburbs wall, by Mike D'Sylva.

With about 12 minutes to go, it looked like curtains for Wests.

Vojtek, shadowed throughout the match by Gerry Reilly, started pushing up on to sweeper Munro, and as Reilly continued to follow him, Vojtek thus kept two men busy.

But Albion's tight marking had been keeping Andy Segi and Mick Klarin out of the play, so there did not appear to be an avenue to goal. However, from a quick throw-in by Segi, Daxi Kypiridila ran behind the Albion defence and faced goalkeeper Billy Johnson. Kypiridila's shot hit the post and bounced out to Eddie Kupisz who scored.

With eight minutes to go, Wests was back in the match — if they were good enough.

Wests threw everything forward, sensing Albion was now vulnerable.

From another long throw by Segi to Vojtek, Wests gained a corner. Vojtek took it, sending the ball to the far post, where it was headed down. It fell to Moore who lobbed Johnson brilliantly.

Wests should retain its narrow advantage over Albion by beating Moreland on Saturday.

Best players: Wests: Kypiridila, Moore, McCarthy; Albion: Creany, Reilly, Nisbet.

POLONIA 1 (Kryszinski Pon. 70th Min.) MORWELL 0

POLONIA: Dzielakowski, R. Uptani, Jaworski, Korman, Pichler, Wallace, P. Caporicci, Sekulski, Lakic, G. Garmanski (Kryszinski 29th).

In an exciting hard fought match, First Division leader Polonia defeated Morwell 1-0 at Maribyrnong Reserve.

Polonia kicked off with the aid of a strong breeze but it was Morwell that did the attacking and Polonia keeper Leszek Dzielakowski made two very good saves in the first five minutes.

It wasn't until the 70th minute that the dead-

lock was broken when Brendan Lakic was tripped in the penalty area as he was about to have a shot at goal. Ted Kryszinski took the spot kick and scored.

Best players for Polonia: Dzielakowski, Jaworski, Herman.

ALTONA GATE 1 (Micevski 89 min.) BOX HILL 1 (Lawler 75 min.)

ALTONA GATE: Dimitrievski, Trajkovski, (Istevski 25 min.), Dervisevski, Serovski, Kraljevi, Trajkovski, Gelevski, Skorski, Micevski, Dimovski, Sekulovski, (Boskovic 85 min.)

BOX HILL: Morgan, Patterson, K. Brownlie, Singleton, Rae, White (Patterson, S 80 min.) Verechia, McLeod, Cupido, (McLeod 32 min.) Lawler, Valentine.

Their journey to the wide open wastelands of Altona on Saturday produced a point for the Hillmen but not, I suspect, a great deal of satisfaction.

The handful of spectators who braved a bitterly cold north wind to witness this encounter, were rewarded by an entertaining contest between contrasting soccer styles.

A scoreless first half was highlighted by the flair and perception of ex-Australian international Mike Micevski. Despite close attention from Don Brownlie and Billy Rae, the shrewd Altona Gate striker was on hand to miss only narrowly with a spectacular overhead shot from 10 yards, after good work on the right by Trajkovski and Sekulovski. Minutes later it was Micevski again who brought the best out of Graham Morgan, with a long dipping drive which the veteran keeper did well to touch over the bar.

Kicking off with the gale in their backs in the second half, Box Hill quickly swept in attack.

Lawler did well to get his head to a cross from Valentine, only to see the ball graze the top of the crossbar. Lawler again on hand to finish a good move between Verechia and Patterson, but shot weakly and Dimitrievski saved easily.

However, seconds later a carbon copy of the previous move split the home defence wide open again, and this time Lawler made no mistake to give the Hillmen a well deserved lead with only 15 minutes to go.

Despite continued pressure by the visitors, Altona Gate continued to battle into the wind, and eventually their tenacity paid dividends. A touch of magic by Gelevski cleverly beat McLeod, and Valentine wide on the left. His well timed pass found Skorski who was tackled on the edge of the area, and the ball ran loose to the ever alert Micevski, who snapped up the half chance with alacrity, to even the score with only seconds remaining.

Next Saturday, 18 July, Box Hill is at home to top of the league Polonia. Reserves kick-off 1 pm, seniors kick-off 2.45 pm.

FOURTH DIVISION

MOORABBIN CITY 0 ROYAL PARK 0

Moorabbin adapted to the muddy conditions intelligently by playing down the firmer wings, while Royal Park tried to dribble down the middle and constantly became bogged down.

The home side had the better of the chances and Park's goalkeeper only just managed to palm a worthy effort by Steve Gregory over the bar.

Yet Moorabbin failed to capitalise on this superiority.

Doveton still undefeated

AJAX 0 DOVETON 0

AJAX: Dany 7 — Peter Lewis 7, Gardiner 8, Connell 8, G. Bennett 7 — Hogan 6, Vassallo 7, Greenchan 6 — Wall (Wallace 75th), McLeod 7, Paul Lewis 7.

DOVETON: Ivanoff 8 — Thurlow 6, Merrick 8, Corke 8, McConville 7 — Melvor 6, Bentley 7, Wilcock 7 (Porter 75th) — Irvine 6 (in) Whitworth 77th, Christie 6, Quin 7.

"That's twice you've taken a bloody point off us," quipped Doveton stopper Peter Thurlow in his after match jibe at Ajax coach Bobby McLachlan.

The Gods certainly smiled on Doveton for the greater part of the second half. In this period two amazing misses highlighted Ajax's plight.

Sinclair's best: coach



FRANKSTON 2 (Buchanan, Campbell) RINGWOOD 3 (Sinclair, Thom, O'Leary)

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 7, Thomson 5 (Gillespie 65th), Adams 7, Stewart 9, Irvine 7 — Holford 8, Leslie 6, Tuttle 6 (in) Campbell 70th — Delyannis 7, Egan 6, Buchanan 7.

RINGWOOD: Fern 7 — Pasman 8, Brooks 7, Luyten 7, Verniers 8 — O'Leary 6, Dixon 8, Malt 8, Thom 8 — O'Callaghan 6, Sinclair 6.

Brian Sinclair's best striker in the State League!

That was the opinion of Ringwood coach Mike Bruyckere after his side beat Frankston 3-2 at Centenary Park on Saturday.

But it wasn't all one-way traffic. The visitors went three up before the home side hit back. Indeed, Ringwood's defence suffered from the wobbles throughout the last 10 minutes.

Sinclair nipped in, robbed Frank Thomson and slotted the ball past the advancing Dave Gillespie for the opening blow in the 10th minute.

Brian Thom hit a scorcher in the 65th minute after the ball was headed on and five minutes later Eric Gillespie paid for not clearing when he was tackled, the ball ran to Paul O'Leary and he shot Ringwood into a 3-0 lead.

Norrie Campbell came on in the 70th minute. His first touch led to Frankston's opening goal. Campbell took the ball down the left and squared to Bill Buchanan who made certain from eight metres.

Two minutes later Campbell chested home from Carl Holford's corner but the Baysiders couldn't grab the leveller.

Juventus v Altona tonight

A relegation battle under lights at Olympic Park tonight (Wednesday), kick-off 7.30 pm.

That's what is in store for the fans who brave the cold to watch Juventus take on Altona.

Juvs has grabbed valuable points in recent weeks since Tony Boggi took over as coach and tonight's match could put an irrevocable gap between these sides should Juve win and jump to a six point lead over Altona.

But I'm going for a draw.

Altona has more injury worries for tonight's game than Juventus with key central defender Kevin Wilson struggling to throw off a thigh injury.

The developing Fabio Incantupo — Mendo Ristovski striking partnership must be stifled if Altona is to cling onto its diminishing chance of catching up to the sides directly above it.

Fooled you!

JUVENTUS 3 (Ristovski 2, Incantupo) NORTH-COTE 2 (Tsetsos, Sahinidis)

JUVENTUS: Hawke 6 — Curcio 8, Donalson 8, Della Rocca 7, Terquinio 8 — Smith 8, Tschick 6 (Garmia H.T. 7), Sannipoli 7, Cunningham 7 — Ristovski 5, Incantupo 7.

NORTH-COTE: Tachiris 6 — Nelson 7, Petroski 7, Boskila 6, Petrov 7 — Ristic 7, Kolar 7, Kofidisa 8, Tsetsos 7 (Moula 75th) — Sahinidis 8, Vasic 6.

Northcote keeper "Rocky" Tachiris and stopper George Boskila will want to forget their argument in the 33rd minute.

Fabio Incantupo had been brought down just outside the area and Northcote was forming a defensive wall. Tachiris and Boskila started to argue about the way the wall was set up. Mendo Ristovski reacted quickly. He tapped the ball to Incantupo who caught Tachiris unawares and the North-ers went down 3-2.

It looks like the Ristovski of old is about to emerge in a more consistent fashion.

His counterpart, Northcote's Sakis Sahinidis used his powerful running and close ball skills to great effect but striking partner Dragan Vasic finished poorly.

Juve hit the front in the second minute when Ristovski pounced during a scramble four metres from goal.

Northcote levelled when Terry Hawke failed to hold a Sahinidis cross and Spiro Tsetsos helped the ball on its way into goal by heading from close range.

Three minutes before the interval Tony Crook took off down the right, crossed to Incantupo who set up Ristovski for a thundering shot into the corner of goal from 10 metres. The score again evened up when Mirko Rujeric tapped the ball from his free kick to the unmarked Sahinidis, inside the Juve area. He rounded a defender then slammed the ball high into the top far corner.

Then came the crucial argument. And the decisive Juventus blow.

A tough test

CROYDON 0 ALTONA 0

CROYDON: Edwards 8 — Brown 9, McComb 8, Pengo 8, Hobson 8 — Spink 8, Smith 8, Howarth 7 — Wade 9, Loughnane 7, Wessell 7.

ALTONA: Masseni 8 — Wilson 6, Wilson 8, Kilpatrick 7, Deluca (in Hamil 20th 5) — Jones 8, Cooper 6, Innes 8 — Watters 6, Mercer 7, Whyte 7.

Croydon's on the way back.

So says coach Bill McCarthy. For the first time in three weeks Croydon had a goal at goal. Previously Croydon produced three clear shots in two games!

McCarthy has reason to be confident that his charges can regain the momentum of their top four challenge for Ian Loughnane returned from suspension for the Altona game and brother Peter's back for Sunday's Chaplin Reserve clash with Sunshine, traditionally a no-holds-barred encounter.



The two best chances of the game brought the best out of rival keepers Mick Edwards and Dennis Masseni.

Edwards reacted quickly to parry then recovered a fierce first timer from Howard Mercer in the 55th minute.

In the first half Masseni foiled Ian Loughnane who beat Altona's offside trap, charged at goal but seemed undecided whether to shoot or take on the young Altona keeper. Masseni smothered well.

Altona has made it clear in recent weeks that if it goes down in First Division it goes down fighting. There are worse teams than Altona in State League.

TO THE EDITOR

SIR — I would, on behalf of the Insh community, like to respond to the article by Tom Anderson in "Soccer Action" dated 8.7.1981.

In the article Anderson goes on to advocate the use of our education facilities to teach our administrators how to run soccer effectively.

One would assume that a school for some of our so-called journalists and TV commentators would be more to the point.

Anderson uses his space to make racist jokes about Irish people. Surely that sort of Journalism is out of place in a soccer newspaper.

after all soccer is THE multi-cultural game.

There is a question of double standards evident in Anderson's article. On the one hand he makes a joke about an announcer's slip-up and refuses to name the club for fear of embarrassing it. One wonders why he does not show the same sensitivity for the feelings of Irish people?

P.S. Did you hear the one about the Scottish journalist who pushed Rudie's barrow? The barrow got sacked, and now the barrow pusher is trying to get the barrow sacked! — MICHAEL MITTEN, Springvale, Victoria.

This week's selections

Selections by CRAIG MACKENZIE:

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

Division 1: Saturday: ALBION ROVERS v Altona Gate, Box Hill v Polonia (Ivory), Morwell v Knox City (Ivory), MEL PARK RANGERS v Keller Asteris.

Sunday: Morwell v WESTERN SUBURBS, Richmond v Preston City, Heidelberg v Heidelberg United, Preston City v Preston City, Preston City v Preston City.

Division II: Saturday: FOOTSCRAY v Waverley City, Doncaster City v Preston City, Heidelberg v Heidelberg United, Preston City v Preston City, Preston City v Preston City.

Division III: Saturday: COVING v Colony, Glen Rhywood v Glen Rhywood, Glen Rhywood v Glen Rhywood, Glen Rhywood v Glen Rhywood.

Division IV: Saturday: Moorabbin City v Brighton, Kyneton v Nunawading City.

PROVINCIAL LEAGUE

Division 1: Saturday: Essendon City v ROSE BUD, SOUTH DARGLEIGH v Melton, MOOROOD PARK v Geelong, HAMILTON RANGERS v Carlton.

Division II: Saturday: Camfield City v Greenborough v THOMASTOWN.

Division III: Saturday: Loder United v BALLARAT, HAWKESBURY v South Yarra, LONGBOW v Nunawading United, Hawthorn City v KILGALL United, SHEPPARTON City v Clayton.

Division IV: Saturday: REGENT v Boro, MORDALOCK v Yarraville, ROSANNA v Unwin, Melbourne MICE UNITED v Bulwer, KYNEDON v Werwick City, West Melbourne v CLIFTON HILL.

DISTRICT LEAGUE

Division I: Saturday: SANDYBAY City v Burnley, MOORE PONDS v Brighton United, MORRIS v South Dargle, CENTRAL City v Parnell.

Division II: Saturday: PASCO VALE v North Melbourne, WEST GEORGE v Clarinda, West Brunswick v HAMILTON WANDERERS, NORTH SUNSHINE v Ascat United, Vermont v EAST CARLTON.

Division III: Saturday: MOSGIEL RANGERS v Bayside, Bayside v Bayside, Bayside v Bayside, Bayside v Bayside.

Division IV: Saturday: MACCARI HARDY v Hoad United, MEADOW PARK v Dalwyn City, RINDORRA v Lathrop United, Melbourne University v Macleod United.

CHADSTONE v RAILLY LYNDALOE UNITED v Esplanade Hills

Division II: Sunday: Waverley v Eagles, EPPING THISTLE v St. Mark, ASSET PARK v Melbourne Waverley United v Holland Park, RAAS MELBOURNE v Concord, West United v WOODING RANGERS.

YOUTH LEAGUE

Sunday: Saturday: SANDY: FRANKSTON PINES "A" v Knox City, Fernvale City v MORDALOCK, NUNAWADING City v Frankston Pines "B".

NORTH-WEST DIVISION: Sunday: GREEN GULLY v Brunswick United, Broadmead City v ESSINGTON, CROATIA, FOOTSCRAY v George Cross.

CENTRAL DIVISION: Sunday: Nathan United v CROYDON City, DONCASTER ROVERS v Greenborough, BRISTOL v Devon.

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Maltese rivals clash



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To give Sunday's Maltese derby at Chaplin Reserve an added dash of spice, Ajax must win to maintain its league leadership, for top-of-the-table challenger Croatia looks too powerful for Northcote.

George Cross won't adopt the defensive attitude it took to Green Gully Reserve earlier this season. That's what coach Jim Adam told me.

And Adam has every reason to be confident that his side can take the game to Ajax and turn this bi-annual derby into one hell of a thrilling affair.

With newcomers Terry Kent and Hugh McCann in his squad Adam is developing the depth needed to cling to the upper echelons of the league ladder.

Jim Paparasi is returning from injury and Bobby Toal is established as a top class State League striker. Add newcomer Kent and winger Brian Fiaherney for the first time this season Adam has selection problems.

Paul Gambin was used to mark Chris Kent in Sunday's clash with Hakoah. Perhaps the small Cross dynamo will be given a similar role against Ajax.

Anything can happen in a derby match so I won't stick out my neck in either direction. I'm putting on a draw.

Croatia thrashed Northcote 5-1 earlier this season and will be looking for a repeat performance, irrespective of whoever's turn it is to coach Croatia this week.

Three coaches and two caretakers — that's the number of scalps hanging in the trophy room of the club committee.

In the midst of this turmoil stands a group of players who have taken the club to joint leadership of the league.

I think it says something positive about their quality when you consider that stability hasn't really been the cornerstone of Croatia's coaching record in 1981.

The players' pride will spur them on. Much to Northcote's displeasure.

It looks like Terry Walker, former Sunshine player and coach, will take

over Jim McIntyre's spot as coach and his first task will be to guide his players against Croydon at Chaplin Reserve on Saturday.

Walker won't find that an easy task.

It's only because I trust Croydon coach Bill McArthur that I'm selecting his side to win.

McArthur assures me that the slump which characterised Croydon's inept displays in recent weeks has disappeared.

I think it's fair to say that if Altona can't knock off Frankton at Kim Reserve on Sunday then the final curtain will soon be drawn on Altona's fight to stay in the State League.

I've heard that a few people down Altona way reckon that a larger league next year could save their club. Not if the larger league, should it eventuate, includes the four Melbourne based FSL clubs.

Altona's fate lies in its own hands, not

in the hands of the VSF Board of Management.

Altona's fight for survival will be fought on the soccer fields of the league not in Soccer House.

I think Altona will draw with Frankton.

And Ringwood could take a point from its clash with Hakoah at Jubilee Park on Sunday.

I'll be flabbergasted should Juventus end Doveton's unbeaten run by winning at Waratah Reserve on Sunday.

Sunshine v CROYDON at Chaplin Reserve, Saturday, 2.45 pm.

Northcote v CROATIA at John Cain Reserve, Saturday, 2.45 pm.

Ringwood v Hakoah (draw) at Jubilee Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

George Cross v Ajax (draw) at Chaplin Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

DOVETON v Juventus at Waratah Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

Altona v Frankton (draw) at Kim Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

McCann,
Kent,
Klug



HAKOAH 0 GEORGE CROSS 3 (T. Kent, Paparasi, Toal)

HAKOAH: Fryzser 6 — Rooney 5, Jordanou 7, Hannah 7, Dossan 6, Gadsby 6, French 7, McNeil 7 (Thomson 6th), C. Kent 6 — Webster 6, McClunie 6 (Klug 6th).

GEORGE CROSS: Gay 7 — Morgan 7, Wilkinson 8, Maitland 8, McKindley 7 — Rigby 7, G. Bannon 8, Farmer 7 (McCann 6th) — Gambin 7, Toal 7, T. Kent 7 (Papari 7th).

There was a hat-trick of newcomers on display here.

First the George Cross pair — Terry Kent and Hugh McCann. Neither is match fit but Kent scored his debut while McCann showed enough to suggest that he'll do well with Cross. He's aggressive and uses the ball well.

Then with 10 minutes to go 19 year old German Rudi Klug made an appearance, substituting for Richie McClunie.

The tall, blond Klug joined Hakoah four weeks ago then tried out with South Melbourne Hellas.

Although Klug is a really promising player Hellas supremo John Margaritis couldn't promise the untried youngster a regular first team spot. The lure of first team soccer dragged Klug back to Hakoah and it shouldn't take him long to make his mark.

Hakoah's aggressive central defender George Hannah was tight up against Bobby Toal's back throughout the first half but Toal did well after the interval and capped a good second half with Cross's third goal.

The Cross took the lead just before half time when Mike Fryzser, under pressure from Dave Rigby, misjudged Brendon Farmer's corner and Terry Kent volleyed home three metres.

Then Jim Paparasi, making a welcome return after injury, was sent away by McCann. Paparasi dummied to shoot, rounded Fryzser and stroked the ball into the unguarded goal.

TEAM OF THE WEEK

EDWARDS (C don)
BROWN (C don) STEWART (F ton) CORKE (D ton) ADAMS (Croatia)
WADE (C don) G. BANNON (G. Cross) DIXON (R' wood)

SAHINIDIS (N'cote) BROGAN (Croatia) RISTOVSKI (Juve)

STATE LEAGUE

| | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|-----------------|---|----|---|----|----|-----|
| AJAX..... | 9 | 2 | 3 | 18 | 8 | 20 |
| CROATIA..... | 7 | 6 | 1 | 26 | 12 | 20 |
| DOVETON..... | 4 | 10 | 0 | 18 | 12 | 18 |
| GEO. CROSS..... | 7 | 2 | 5 | 24 | 15 | 16 |
| Croydon..... | 5 | 6 | 3 | 22 | 18 | 16 |
| Hakoah..... | 4 | 6 | 4 | 17 | 24 | 14 |
| Sunshine..... | 5 | 3 | 6 | 22 | 22 | 13 |
| Northcote..... | 4 | 4 | 6 | 24 | 35 | 12 |
| Ringwood..... | 4 | 3 | 7 | 22 | 28 | 11 |
| Frankton..... | 4 | 2 | 8 | 19 | 23 | 10 |
| *Juventus..... | 4 | 2 | 7 | 12 | 24 | 10 |
| *Altona..... | 1 | 4 | 8 | 14 | 27 | 6 |

*Match in hand

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This week's votes:

CROATIA V SUNSHINE
3 — Brogan (C)
2 — Adams (C)
1 — Mitten (C)

CROYDON V ALTONA
3 — Wade (Croy)
2 — Brown (Croy)
1 — H. Wilson (A)

FRANKTON V RINGWOOD
3 — Stewart (F)

2 — Dixon (R)
1 — Sinclair (R)
GREEN GULLY AJAX V DOVETON
3 — Corke (D)
2 — Gardiner (GGA)
1 — Cannell (GGA)

JUVENTUS V NORTHCOTE
3 — Ristovski (J)
2 — Sahinidis (N)
1 — Smith (J)

HAKOAH V GEORGE CROSS
3 — G. Bannon (GC)
2 — Wilkinson (GC)
1 — Maitland (GC)

Progressive votes:
17 — French (H), G. Bannon (GC)
15 — P. Bannon (C), Cannell (GGA)
12 — Wilkinson (GC), Gardiner (GGA), Stewart (F).

12 — McLeod (GGA)
11 — Egan (F)
10 — I. Loughane (Croy)
9 — Mitten (C), Toal (GC)
8 — Sahinidis (N)

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Jim, Fred, Spin out on the mad top



CROATIA 5 (Brogan 2, Mitten, Murphy, Batovic) SUNSHINE 1 (Bain)

CROATIA: Blasby 7 — Short 7, Bannon 8, Kokoaka 8, Adams 9 — Andrews 7 (Gilder 7th), Kar 6, Murphy 7 — Mitten 8 (inj. Keenan 8th), Brogan 9, Batovic 7

SUNSHINE: Conlin 5 — Dixey 6 (inj. Mussel H.T.), Lowe 6, Ellis 5, Morovic 6 — Laing 5 (Mudrinc 6th), Taylor 4, Nelson 7, McRobert 6 — Pat 6, Bain 7.

It's a mad, mad, mad, mad, crazy, insane, mad, mad world.

What brings us together where our madness is socially acceptable is the world of Victorian State League soccer.

There have been times in recent weeks when I've wanted to jump off the spinning top which whirled around with all of us on board, clinging by the skin of our teeth.

That top was spun and spun at Olympic Park last Sunday when Croatia played Sunshine. It was spun fiercely after the game, dislodging Fred Bunce and Jim McIntyre.

McIntyre, the Sunshine coach, chose to jump off. Bunce was pushed, or about to be pushed as we went to press.

I think I've found the secret of the spinning top — what makes it whirl around so quickly, I mean.

The velocity of the top seems to be increased every time club committeemen or club committees as a whole decide to force their way into team selection.

No wonder the top spins quickly, and so frequently accelerates.

Carl Gilder wasn't supposed to be on the team sheet. New coach Bunce was told. Bunce took a stand. Gilder was on the bench.

Croatia steamrolled Sunshine and when it jumped to a 4-1 lead Bunce asked Gilder to warm up. Gilder did and the Croatian fans started booing.

Croatia president Joe Sigur charged across to the bench. He told Gilder to sit down and told Bunce not to play Gilder. Gilder sat down. Sigur walked



Fred Bunce

away. Bunce told Gilder to start warming up again.

Gilder looked at Bunce. Both men knew Bunce's week-old job was on the line. Gilder warmed up, replaced Howard Andrews and all hell broke loose on the terraces. I know. I was standing next to Sigur.

The Croatia committee had decided that after a poor game last week Gilder the previous week Gilder, if fit, would play in the reserves against Sunshine until he hit top form again. Gilder was under an injury cloud all week. His inclusion on the team sheet was a last-minute affair after he had assured Bunce he was able to play if needed.

The one thing which made sense was the scoreline because it showed that Croatia had won convincingly. Thanks to Dave Brogan who was unstoppable all afternoon.

Everything he touched, dribbled, laid off and headed was magnificent, the epitome of a skilful, intelligent striker playing at his peak.

He was ably supported. Keith Adams was everywhere.

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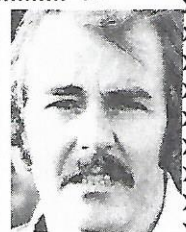


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Jim McIntyre

tackled as if his life depended upon it and disposed of the ball with precision and vision.

Noel Mitten's enjoying himself. He's creating all sorts of problems for the opposition whether inside the area or running at men out wide. But the significant feature of Mitten's game against Sunshine was his disposal.

The goal of the game was the final blow which Croatia struck in the 80th minute.

Nigel Flicked a well-weighted through ball into the path of Ned Batovic who was clear down the right. Batovic looked up and saw Brogan charging into the area on the left and the young Croatia striker chipped the ball to Brogan whose diving header lobbed over Alan Contini to end a miserable day for the Shiners' keeper.

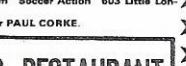
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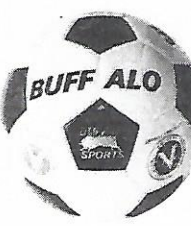


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• Led by its loyal coach Cedo Girkovic, J.U.S.T. is fighting a spirited battle against relegation. It had the recent setback of failing to gain Yugoslav international Ilija Petkovic on loan for six matches, but it has signed striker Johan Verweij on loan from Brisbane Lions and imported former Partizan Belgrade player Nibajsa Licanin. However, in recent years, J.U.S.T. has lost long serving players like Joe Picoane, Joe Policans, Mendo Ristovski, Alan Parrott, Mirko Rujovic, Andy Kazi and Branko Buljevic. J.U.S.T. was formed in 1948. It won the State League championship in 1963, 69, 71 and 73, the Dockerty Cup in 61, 68 and 76, State League Cup 74, 75 and 76, and Victorian Ampol Cup in 55, 56, 57, 60, 66 and 75. Prominent players have been Frank Mice, Branko Buljevic, Stom Stankovic, Slobodan Zoraja, Billy Rice, Vero Mladenovic, Cedo Girkovic, Milenko Ruzmir, Marko Fode, Doug Yelisenovic, Rale Rasic, Steve Zachornarak, Miro Adamovic.

From left, standing: Joe Savona (manager), Jim Kondarlos (from Kellor-Austria 1975), Vlatko Balic (from Juniors), Dennis Boland (1976 from Yornituri, Japan), Jim O'Kelly (1975 from Telasberg-Alexander), Jim Milne (1980 from Scotland, previously with US 1973-74), Steve Kitchin (1980 from Juniors), Kyr Kyrakoulas (1980 from South Melbourne), Nibajsa Licanin (1980 from 8th Mile Hall), Front: Slobodan Zoraja (1975 from OFK Belgrade), Zoran Jovanovic (1975 from OFK Belgrade), Jedinastvo, Yugoslavia), Bruno Coszella (1980 from Atlanta City), John Verweij (1981 from Brisbane Lions), Milutin Cile (from Yugoslavia 1978), Igor Hasabunt (1978 from Ollimpia, Yugoslavia).

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This week's Buffalo Sports

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last season with
the attendance of
seats at Old Traf-
some cost \$7.80
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game. ★ ★

tion, the former
Town striker
two seasons with
the United States
after a clash with
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Figuera lost four
40 stitches after
Newton. ★ ★

Africa is soccer
★ ★

80 top boys in Lourenco
Marques who get formal edu-
cation and coaching from
Columa six days a week. ★

Top of Hearts' wanted list
as a successor to Bobby Moncur
now manager of Plymouth
Argyle is Jack Wallace former
Rangers boss now with Leicester
City. Wallace was at Ten
in the clash with Hearts who
in my view have a big edge
over getting him despite
the fact they are prepared to
pay compensation for the right man
★ ★

Arcton Villa, the ★ ★

The boys' names will also appear in our list of "Hat-trick Heroes."

**Sunderland's cars
s down two**

**N. — Arsenal and England star
Sunderland, 28, was breathlessly after
two pedestrians. Both died.**

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ment happened in
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and woman
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of Broxbourne,
was taken to
a Station and
the results of

was taken whether he would
face prosecution.
The collision occurred at
11.50 pm, Sunderland was driving
a grey Audi Estate.
The dead woman was shop
assistant Josephine Cooney,
46, of New Southgate, North
London.

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CHINA TAKES ON GERMANS

Enrich Ribbeck, the German Soccer Federation coaching director, is spending a lot of time with the Chinese on their tour.

From JIM COOK
our European
correspondent

★ ★ ★
Tommy Docherty's first signing for Preston North End was England under-19 international defender Michael

★ ★ ★
Leighton Phillips 31 with 50 caps for Wales, has been out in the cold after a bust-up with his manager John Toshack who has taken Swansea City from the Fourth Division to the First Division. Phillips and Toshack grew up together with Cardiff City then they went separate ways - Phillips to Aston Villa where he was skipper and Toshack to Liverpool.

"In five years we will be
Outech Champions!" Unfor

Failure to host Jewish
Town in the final of the
UEFA Cup was the only
blight in an otherwise all-
conquering campaign. The
Dutchmen had an specta-
cularly off night in Eng-
land, losing the first leg 3-0.
After recording an early
goal into the return, Allman

At a time when Europe has no truly great teams in the mould of the Real Madrid, Ajax and Bayern Munich combinations of past years, the Dutch Champions must be favorites for the Champions' Cup, alongside equally logical contenders Liverpool, Juventus and Dynamo-Kiev.

Youth policies take time to bear fruit and

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WORLD CUP

World Cup Qualifying Group 1
Bulgaria 4 (Slavkov 1 and 53, Kos-
tadinov 35, Tsevkov 88).
Finland 0
HT: 1-0. ATT: 10,000. Ref: Sostarić
(Yug).
Bulgaria: Velinov - Vassilev
- G. Bonev, Dimitrov -
Grigorov, P. Tsvetkov (Slavkov).
Slatov - Kostadinov, Jellazkov, C.
Tsevkov.
Finland: Isoaho - Lahtinen
- Tuusa, Valdeminen, Pekkonen - Hill-
onen, Koskela - Kinnunen, Vokinen -
Bake, Ismaili, Zwellve.
World Cup European Qualifying
group 1
26. October 7-9, Germany 4 (Briegleb
3, Kersch 2, F. and H. Keltz 0).
HT: 0-3. ATT: 10,000. Ref:
Carpenter (P).
Finland: Isoaho - Huotonen
- Tuusa (Yuba 46), Valminen, Lahti
- Kinnunen, Kinnunen - Bachelier.
Vierinen, Pyykkö - Koska, Vah-
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 World Cup European qualifying
 group 4
 Norway 1 (Thoresen 56), Hungary
 2 (Worzen 78 and 1st) 0-1
 HT: 0-0; AT: 28:00; Ref: Moffatt
 (NT)
 Hungary: Abrahamson – Berentsen
 (Mithösten 84), Kordahl, Aarø,
 Pedersen Pedersen – Hareide (Da-
 vidson 78), Thoresen, Jørgensen,
 Sørensen, Oekland, Thoresen.
 Hungary: Katicz – János, Jacsó,
 Kereses, Csizmadia, Tóth, Mészáros,
 Nyilasi, Varga – Fazekas, Kiss,
 Torocsák (Bodonyné 65)
 World Cup European qualifying
 group 5
 Hungary 1 (Fazekas 18), Romania
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 HT: 0-0; AT: 60:00; Ref: Pennett
 (Bel)
 Hungary: Katicz – Márton, Bal-
 lán, Jerabai, J. Zóth, Mészáros,
 (Szanto), Nyilasi, J. Varga – Fazekas,
 Kiss (Bodonyné) Torocsák.
 Romania: Cioba, Cioba, Agirila,
 Tilhoș, Stoichiș, Munteanu –
 Balaci, Baldeanu, Iordanescu (Ră-
 zvan) Stoica, Crisănu, Cam-
 straru
 World Cup European qualifying
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 Luxembourg 1 (Nunberg 37)
 Denmark 2 (Eikjær-Larsen 46,
 Arnsen 63)
 HT: 1-1; AT: 2:54; Ref: Deisenhe
 (Den)
 Luxembourg: Moes – Meunier
 (A. Schreiner), Philip, Dag, Wagner
 (Nunberg 37), Schreiner, Schreiner,
 Gilles, Di Domenico, Schreier
 (Sack 87)
 Denmark: Øst – Rasmussen,
 Rasmussen, Røntved, Busk, Elgen-
 brod (Simonsen 60) – Olsen,
 Eriksen, Eikjær-Larsen.
 World Cup European qualifying
 group 5
 Poland 1 (Bancol 55), East
 Germany 0

Janas, Zupic, Jaloča — Iwan, Kupevica, Buncel — Iwan (Stribovitch 80), Sarnach, Smolnarek.

E. Germany: Grapenhtich — Stronziach, Doerner, Schmuck, Kurbjeweit, Hoffner, Schupbach — Riedinger, Streitz (Liebers 71), Heftman (Bielau 64).

OTHER INTERNATIONALS

Chile (0) 1 (Rojas)

Uruguay (0) (Núñez pen, Argentina)

Chile: Wirth, Galdames, Valenzuela, Soto, Garrido (Dubo), Bonaventura, Herrera (Yenez), Rojas, Menezes.

Uruguay: Rodriguez, Russo, Enriquez, Moreira, Agüero, Gonzalez, Bar, Ponzio, Barrios, Victorino, Nunez (Luzardo), Torres.

Referee Teodoro Nitti (Argentina).

Poland 3 (Iwan 2, O'Leary own goal 38, Ogaza 65) Rep Ireland 0

HT: 2-0. AT: 10:00.

Poland: Mowlik (Kostrewa 65) — Dziyba (Milewski 72), Janas (Stribovitch 50), Zmuda, Jaloča — Buncel, Kupevica, Buda (Kopka 46) — Iwan, Ogaza, Smolnarek (Kopka 46).

Rep Ireland: Bonnar — Langan, Lawrenson, D. O'Leary, Hughton — Grimes (Daly 80), Moran (Waddock 58), Grealish — Ryan (Waddock 58), O'Callaghan (Ryan 62).

England 0 Brazil 1 (Zico 12).

HT: 0-1. AT: 8:00. Ref: Line-mary (Aust).

France: Valdir Peres – Edevaldo, Oscar, Luisinho, Junior – Jercas, Oscar, Luisinho, Junior – Paulo Isidoro, Reinaldo Eder.

France 1 (Six 81). Brazil 3 (Zico 21, Renato 27, 47, 74S 52).

HT: 0-2, 0-2, Att: 4, Score: Ref: Mengali (1).

France: Drosopy (Castaneda 46) – Luisinho, Lopez, Treco (Spec 23), Bossis – Tignier, Moizan, Genghini – Ruyter (Lecornu 78), Angeli (Lecornu 78).

France: Paulo Sergio – Edevaldo, Oscar (Edin 78), Luisinho, Junior – Toninho, Cezaro, Socrates (Victor 78) Zico – Paulo Isidoro, Reinaldo Eder 62), Eder (E 58 73).

W. Germany 1 (Fischer 30).

Brazil 2 (Toninho, Cerezo 61, Junior 74).

HT: 1-0. Att: 71,000. Ref: Wh. (Eng).

W. Germany: Schumacher (Jrmel 46) – Kaltz, Hannes, K. H. Forster, Briegel – Schuster (Dietz 78), Schuster, Gath 81, Muller – Rummenigge, Fischer, (Allgower 62).

Brazil: Valdir Peres – Edevaldo, Luisinho, Oscar, Junior – Toninho, Cezaro, Socrates, Zico (Vitor 87), Paulo Isidoro, Cezar (Renato 48), Eider.

Bulgaria 1 (Plamen Tsvetkov 7).

HT: 1-0. Att: 6,000.

Bulgaria: Velnov – Sabotinov (G. Boleva 62), Balesky, Vassilev, Mladjanski – Grigorov, Kostadinov (Zdravkov 48), Sivakov – Jellakov (Zdravkov 48), Plamen Tsvetkov (Markov 77), Chavdar Tsvetkov (Markov 77).

Norway: Abrahamsen – Bernsten,

OTHER

INTERNATIONALS

Chile (0) (1 Roja)
Uruguay (0) (Niner pen. Argentina)
Chile: Wotr, Garrido, Valenzuela, Soto, Garrido (Dubo), Bonaventura, Herrera (Yener), Rivas, Alvarez, Torres, Moscoso.
Uruguay: Rodriguez, Russo, Elvira, Agreina, Gonzalez, Bica (Panco) Barrios, Victorino, Niner (Luzardo), Torres.
Referee Teodoro Nitti (Argentina)
Poland 3 (Iwan 2, O'Leary 0 goal, Opazas 0). Ref. Ireland.
HT: 2-4 Att: 10,000.
Poland: Mowik (Kostelka), Kozlowski, Kozlowski, Zewski, Jzard, Jan (Stroski) M., Zmudna, Jolocha, Bunel, Kupewicz, Buda (Kapski) 4 - Iwan, Opazas, Smolarko (Kostelka) 0.
Referee Bonnard - Langston.
Lawson, D. of Houghton, Grimes (Daly 80), Moran (Waddington 88), Grealish - Robinson, Grealish, O'Callaghan (Ryan 62).
England 0 Brazil 1 (Zico 12).
HT: 0-1 Att: 85,000. Ref: 11 may (Aust).

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Στην Α΄μέρος η ελληνική ομάδα έχανε με
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